

Holiday wishes

Readers from around the world sent Christmas greetings to people here \XMAS A5/B1



Not bad

Atoms put in solid performance at Smithers house league hockey tournament \SPORTS A16



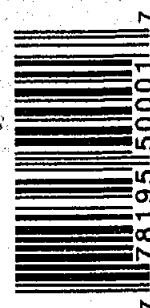
Breakfast time

Why everyone at Cassie Hall wore their pyjamas to school last week \COMMUNITY A15

\$1.00 PLUS 7¢ GST
(\$1.10 plus 8¢ GST
outside of the Terrace area)



TERRACE STANDARD



VOL. 16 NO. 38

www.terracestandard.com

Wednesday, December 24, 2003

Santa to probe the four-day week

OFFICIALS AT the North Pole have announced a review of the four-day week imposed on Santa's Workshop earlier this year.

Longer hours each day, shorter breaks, shorter lunch periods and intensified production requirements have made for problems, say officials.

The four-day week means the workshop is closed now on Fridays and was brought in as North Pole officials sought a way to ease a growing budget deficit.

"We had thought that longer days for four days a week and closing one day a week would save money overall," said one of the officials.

"But we're finding it difficult for the elves to get up each morning. It's also hard for them to concentrate on what they are doing - quality's suffering," he said.

"By the time Monday comes after that three day break, we find they've forgotten a lot of what they had learned the week before."

Officials are also saying the early morning workshop start means elves are up and about when it is very dark, a situation aggravated because of the continuous winter conditions at the North Pole.

"Quite frankly, they're becoming crabby," said the official of the elves' attitude.

"And nobody likes a crabby elf, least of all Santa."

"He's actually the one who wants the four-day week reviewed. If the elves are crabby, then Santa isn't jolly and we've got a big problem."

The official said the longer working period also means the quality of the toys being produced is beginning to suffer.

"This is about retention of skills. And if that isn't happening, those toys aren't going to be accepted," he said.

The four-day work week was one of several items incorporated into what North Pole administrators said was a New Era for the region.

They said the idea was to present more opportunities and choice for the elves.

"We wanted to unleash their entrepreneurial spirit," said one of the key administrators of the New Era, also being called a "Fresh Start."

"At the end of the day, this isn't about us making decisions for them. It's about them making decisions for themselves," said the official.

But the four-day week review may be a sign that not all of the New Era plans are going well.

An attempt by Santa's reindeer to go on strike for a contract preventing their transportation service from being

privatized was thwarted by a back to work order. The reindeer had said bringing in non-North Pole reindeer to do their annual trip with Santa would have placed the operation at risk.

There were also mixed reports on a consolidation of some of Santa's activities into a new company called NSFP (New Santa Fun Products).

Although there were successes in reducing everyday costs, owners had trouble convincing financiers to put money into the North Pole operation.

And that lead to a seizure late in the year of some of NSFP's assets, a situation that won't be resolved for some time.



Lights galore

MCRAE Crescent stands out every year over the Christmas season because of homeowner lights and one of the brightest displays can be seen at the residence of Manuel and Angela Dias, 5031 McRae. Britny Charron, Allison Kirkaldy, Claire Lussier and Amanda Godlinski accompanied the judges during the Christmas lights contest tour last week and stopped to admire the Dias house. More about the lights contest, and the names of the winners, can be found on Page A3.

West Fraser opens Feb. 2

By JEFF NAGEL

WEST FRASER's Terrace sawmill is slated to reopen Feb. 2 thanks to a government-ordered truce in the coastal forest strike. The company's Skeena Sawmills operation, originally scheduled to restart Jan. 5, was expected to remain down for months in what many forecast would be a protracted strike.

All that changed when the provincial government passed legislation Dec. 16 ordering workers back to work under their old contract.

Negotiators for the IWA and the companies will work with mediator Don Munroe. If there's no deal by May 31, he will impose a settlement.

"I'm pretty sure it will go to binding arbitration eventually," said Tony Taphouse, the union's strike captain here.

The union said it had to strike once the Labour Relations Board upheld the companies' move to impose a new contract - had they worked under it, those terms would have stuck.

"I would rather see it go this way than have a contract completely imposed on us," Taphouse said.

Skeena Sawmills general manager Lou Poulin said the Feb. 2 restart date still depends on cooperative weather. "We're going to re-evaluate that at the end of January," he said.

He said the mill was unable to reopen on Jan. 5 because the strike halted maintenance work and stopped



Lou Poulin

Cont'd Page A2

French immersion group first to put in dibs for Mountainview

THE GROUP representing parents of French immersion students in Terrace is the first to submit a detailed proposal for Mountainview Elementary to the school district.

The Terrace chapter of Canadian Parents for French (CPF) is asking the district to turn the empty elementary school into the new home of the K-7 French immersion program.

The school board is inviting proposals for the use of Mountainview Elementary as a public school, setting a deadline of Jan. 31.

So far, no other community groups have come forward with a proposal.

"The board is interested in opening up Mountainview, however, they wanted to make sure it's for public education," superintendent of schools Randy Smallbrugge said.

"If we have to open a school or do a school closure as a result of what may or may not happen to Mountainview, we can't wait until the last minute," Smallbrugge said. "We have to act sooner, rather than later."

School districts must follow a 60-day consultation process before making a final decision on closing a school.

That's important because CPF proposes the board close Kiti K'Shan primary school and transfer the French immersion students to Mountainview and the remaining 118 English primary students to nearby Cassie Hall elementary.

Doing that will save the district approximately \$61,000 in operating costs, mostly because staffing requirements would be lower, according to the detailed proposal submitted

Dec. 12.

The new school would also help attract more students to the program, and help bolster numbers in French immersion secondary grades, the proposal says.

The proposal points out other financial incentives for the board.

More federal money for French immersion students has increased. Since CPF also expects enrolment will increase by at least 40 students at the elementary level, the proposal may bring in an additional \$24,000 to the district.

Moving to Mountainview and adding a late French immersion program starting in Grade 5 would fill the school to two-thirds of its capacity.

The majority of K-7 French immersion students come from outside Kiti K'Shan's south side catchment area, the proposal says.



Randy Smallbrugge

Mountainview would draw additional students to the program, particularly from the Bench and north Terrace, immersion advocates hope.

The proposal also outlines some potential drawbacks. Parents are worried the move would affect the number of specialized classes and programs available to French immersion students - music, art, and a library.

The proposal could also mean a change in bus routes to accommodate Mountainview French immersion students.

A third concern is the student population of a "single track" French immersion school would be less culturally diverse than at Kiti K'Shan.

"One of CPF's goals for Mountainview Elementary will be to strengthen and maintain the relationship with native and other ethnic groups to ensure that the diversity of the program is maintained," it states.

It wouldn't operate at full capacity for several years - more students would have to join the program, and a new, late immersion program starting at Grade 5 would have to be added.

The proposal suggests adding a daycare program, a for-fee all-day kindergarten to help ensure the school operates at full capacity until then.

Meanwhile, the board may have its own proposal in the works. Trustees are supporting common grade groupings for schools of K-7 and Grade 7-12. This could affect primary and junior high schools in greater Terrace.

Student overseas trips banned

By JENNIFER LANG

A SCHOOL district ban on overseas travel won't affect any upcoming international trips because none are planned for the current school year.

In the past, the board has given its approval to teachers seeking to use schools to organize student trips to countries like France.

"In doing so, the board is sanctioning the trip," superintendent of schools Randy Smallbrugge said. "Should something happen, the board is culpable."

But since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the U.S. two years ago, a growing number of school districts, including some in British Columbia, have banned student travel overseas fearing they could be held liable in case of an accident or tragedy.

The Coast Mountains school board had held off on taking a similar stance. But last month the board decided it will not approve overseas travel due to the international climate.

"In view of the fact that there's instability in travel, particularly overseas to continents like Africa and Asia, we're discouraging overseas travel at this time," Smallbrugge said.

Teachers will still be permitted to organize overseas trips with students - but not on school grounds. The board's stance means they'll have to do organizing and fundraising some place else.

The board wanted to reduce the district's liability risk if something bad happened Coast Mountains students while they were travelling. What's also changed since 9/11 is the fact that recent accidents involving students on school outings have turned out deadly - as was sadly the case with the deaths of Alberta students who were killed by an avalanche while on a school trip near Revelstoke.

Poulin said West Fraser uses incentives to encourage workers and mills to achieve high production levels.

What is known is that a combination of factors including availability of medical treatment, shopping, access to an airport and the like add up to a certain number of points. And once those points add

Provincial employees living in the Hazeltons

The federal government also has an isolation allowance program but no employees along the Hwy16 corridor qualify. Federal employees in Stewart do, however, and the amount depends upon if a person is married or single.

D.L.R. 5958

[illegible]

Winners of annual contest selected

Take a tour, see the lights

FROM COPPERSIDE Estates in Thornhill to Dairy on the bench to Kitsumkalum, a great variety of Christmas lights awaits touring motorists over the Christmas holidays if last week's judging of the annual Christmas lights contest is any indication.

Local realtors and members of the Terrace Beautification Society observed, took notes and came up with the winners at the end of the Dec. 18 tour.

Taking top spot for best home was the Durand residence on the corner of Dairy and Munroe on the bench.

It's best reached by driving north on North Eby from Halliwell and taking a left on Dairy. Drive to the end of the block and look just slightly to the right. The display features "Noel" in large letters.

"It's pleasant to look at," commented one of the judges.

"It's also nice and colourful with bright lights," said another.

The runner up in this category went to the Brenda and Fred Major residence at 4655 Otter St. in Copperside Estates. After driving over the Copper River Bridge on Hwy 16 east of Thornhill, turn right on Copper River Road. Then turn left onto Marten and right onto Otter. The Major residence is on the right - look for the Christmas tree light display on the side of the house.

Best effort went to the Don (Pokey) and Colleen Maitland residence at 5041 McRae. Judges liked the nativity scene. The house is on the corner of McRae and Thomas.

The runner up in this category went to the Pat and Bud Kirkaldy residence at 3583 Alder in Upper Thornhill. After climbing the Old Lakelse Lake Road hill from lower Thornhill, turn right on Hemlock and then left on



CHRISTMAS LIGHTS judges take a moment to enjoy one of the displays outside of Shi Clothing, which won the commercial category in this year's Christmas lights contest. From left to right are realtors Shannon McAllister, Lisa Godlinski and Suzanne Gleason with Chris Hansen and Debbie Letawski from the Terrace Beautification Society. Judging night was Dec. 18.

Alder.

The best apartment or mobile category was won by Tom and April Spisak, 72-4625 Graham Ave., the Terrace Trailer Court.

"I thought the theme really worked well here," said one of the judges.

Judges also recommended taking a look at 5-4625 Graham, the Rick and Michelle Williams residence.

Best commercial went to Shi Clothing on the corner of Lakelse and Kalum. Judges liked the clear cut use of lights on the build-

ing and on the props in front.

Also on the list of lights to see is Lloyd Nelson's house at 40 Spokechute Road in Kitsumkalum. Drive past the main access off of Hwy 16 to the village and then take the first right. The Nelson home is on the left and can be found by following the street numbers.

Judges also recommend taking in the lighting displays at Heritage Park. The Terrace Tourism Society gathered a group of volunteers to light up the

log buildings on the site.

Relatively new to the area this year are LED lights, a cost saving way to brighten things up at Christmas time.

For examples, see the residence at 4733 Bolton on the bench and the residence at 4711 Gair, also on the bench.

And check out the Grinch on the roof of house at 5022 McRae. There's also a Dr. Seuss theme on the lawn below.

There are also several well lighted houses on the

4900 Block of Labelle, a large Santa and sleigh outside of the Nickolls residence at 4917 Scott and the townhouses at 2509 Pear are decorated.

Sponsors for this year's contest are the B.C. Northern Real Estate Board, the Terrace Beautification Society, Terrace Totem Ford, The Terrace Standard, Terrace Interiors, Appraisals Northwest, ReMax of Terrace, Steve Cullis Appraisals, Keenleyside Insurance and the Bear Trophy Den.

Gov't increases tax on tobacco

SAYING IT will discourage smoking even more, the provincial government raised its tobacco tax as of Dec. 20.

The tax went up the equivalent of 1.9 cents a cigarette, meaning that the tax on a carton is now \$35.80, an increase of \$3.80.

Equivalent increases were placed on other kinds of tobacco.

Provincial finance minister Gary Collins said the increase will put new money into an anti-smuggling cam-

paign.

"Smoking is a choice," said Collins. "If this tax increase helps encourage more people to not smoke, then everyone benefits."

"The ill effects of smoking, such as lung and heart disease as well as diabetes, are well known," added Collins. "Tobacco use remains a significant cost driver in health care, and health care remains a significant cost driver in government."

News In Brief

Harris to meet parents

A MEETING between parents concerned about the four-day school week and Skeena MLA Roger Harris will take place early in the new year.

Kitimat resident Denise O'Neill, president of the Mount Elizabeth Senior Secondary parent advisory council, said the meeting is set for Thursday, Jan. 15. Time and location are still to be announced.

Rollin', rollin', rollin'

THE PENDING expansion of the federal Skeena riding has Member of Parliament Andy Burton thinking more about his motor home.

It may be one feasible way of getting around with the riding scheduled to stretch as far east as Vanderhoof and Fort St. James next year.

The Skeena riding, already one of the largest in the country, but the planned eastward expansion owing to a wholesale shift of all ridings tied to population changes, will make it even larger.

"I'll probably be using it more and more," said Burton about his motorhome. "You can take everything you need with you."

It can act not only as a mobile sleeping space, but double as an office, Burton added. He expects to take a trip out to the Vanderhoof area early in the new year.

Snowblowers stolen

THIEVES ARE capitalizing on winter snows to take snowblowers left outside in the open after they've been used to clear driveways, reports the Terrace RCMP detachment.

"Several snowblowers have been stolen in the Terrace area over the past three weeks," the detachment said in a press release last week.

The detachment is reminding snowblower owners to return the equipment to a safe place after use.

And officers are saying that snowmobiles, boats, outboard motors and all-terrain vehicles should also be locked up and otherwise secured.

Tax break denied

VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS here are disappointed that Parliament voted down a bill that would have given them and other emergency volunteers a \$3,000 tax deduction.

The private member's bill was defeated in October by the Liberal majority in a close 99-96 vote, said Skeena MP Andy Burton. The legislation would have given a \$3,000 income tax deduction to firefighters, ambulance technicians or other search and rescue volunteers who contribute at least 200 hours of volunteer service per year.

Although the same bill cannot be reintroduced, Burton said a modified version of it may be proposed after the next federal election.

City councillors here say they'll urge other towns to lobby MPs to pass such a measure to reward emergency volunteers.

"They do a fantastic amount of work for us," said councillor Stew Christensen. "They do risk their lives on some occasions for us."

Lucky Dollar BINGO PALACE

COME ON DOWN...IT'S FREE!

FREE GAME VOUCHER

This game is free, that's right, FREE!

Use this voucher to redeem your free 3-up card that could win you an easy \$200.00! Bring them into our "Saturday" afternoon event and exchange them for cards for the free game.

Phone: 250-635-2411
Fax: 250-635-7882
 Jackpot Info. Line Ext. 27
 4410 Legion Ave., Terrace, B.C.

In partnership with British Columbia Lottery Corporation

Here's how Lucky \$ Bingo Palace has assisted this weeks society...

Kinette Club of Terrace

Over the past several years, the Kinette Club of Terrace has provided numerous hours and monetary assistance to several groups and organizations. Along with Lucky \$ Bingo, the Kinette Club of Terrace has provided assistance to:

Terrace View Hospice Society	Mills Memorial Hospital
Food Bank	Volunteer Bureau
Citizens on Patrol	Salvation Army
Kin Hut	Mental Health
Terrace Beautification Society	Kin Kiddies Camp
Sweethearts Dinner & Dance	Special Olympics
	Meals on Wheels

Over the years, the Kinette Club of Terrace has contributed over \$32,000 to our community. This has been made possible with funding in part by Lucky \$ Bingo.

It's The Biggest & Baddest One Out There!

You Asked For It!

Back For Limited Time!

Until December 31, 2003

2004 King Cat

The King Cat 900 for 2004 is engineered expressly for the intense mountain rider.

- 150 hp twin with light weight chassis of 490 lbs.

Insane track length on a powerful, lightweight body is what makes this sled a great mountain climber

GET UP TO \$400 IN CAT CASH

OR A FREE 2ND YEAR EXTENDED WARRANTY CONTRACT!

0 DOWN

NO PAYMENTS FOR 1 YEAR ON ALL MODELS

NEID ENTERPRISES LTD. "Your Recreation Specialist"

4921 Keith Avenue, Terrace, B.C.
 Ph. 635-3478 Fax 635-5050

TERRACE

STANDARD

ESTABLISHED APRIL 27, 1988

PUBLISHER: ROD LINK

ADDRESS: 3210 Clinton Street Terrace, B.C. • V8G 5R2

TELEPHONE: (250) 638-7283 • FAX: (250) 638-8432

WEB: www.terracestandard.com

EMAIL: newsroom@terracestandard.com

'Tis the season

FROM LIGHTS glistening off of new-fallen snow, to craft fairs to earnest young voices in school concerts, Christmas is a special time.

There's a certain collective experience underway, drawing people together in a common cause of shared happiness. It masks, albeit temporarily, the terrible sequence of economic events which have befallen the northwest beginning in January 1997 when Skeena Cellulose first sought bankruptcy protection.

Since then people have lost jobs, families have been separated as breadwinners have left to find work and businesses have closed.

Food banks have become standard issue in the fabric of the northwest and innumerable efforts have arisen to assist those less fortunate.

But as dark as things have become, there is always hope. Hope fuels the human spirit, providing the uplift to carry on and is shown in the outpouring of charitable acts this time of year.

For those who gave and for those who received, a Merry Christmas.

The words of Tommy Douglas, a former Baptist minister, former premier of Saskatchewan and former leader of the federal New Democratic Party say it best:

"If Christmas means anything, it should mean that, like the shepherds of old, we catch a vision of the world as it ought to be and not as it is. This is the season when we should renew our determination to do what we can, each in our own way, to build a world founded on human brotherhood and concern for the needs of others."

Hubert Beyer

SINCE IT started publishing in 1988, the editorial page of *The Terrace Standard* has contained the words of Hubert Beyer. It is with regret and sadness to report that he died Dec. 13 after suffering a heart attack. He was 68.

Based in Victoria, Mr. Beyer wrote a column published in weekly newspapers across British Columbia for more than 20 years.

As with most journalists, Mr. Beyer had a healthy skepticism of politicians. He loved politics. But he took solid aim at those who abused their political power, something which he expressed week after week.

Born in Germany and arriving in Canada in 1957, Mr. Beyer had a great admiration for his adopted country, saying often it was the best place in the world in which to live.

One of Mr. Beyer's traditions was to write a Christmas column based on his experiences as a child toward the end of the Second World War and afterward. We're reprinting the column he wrote in December 2001. It appears on this page.

PUBLISHER/EDITOR: Rod Link
ADVERTISING MANAGER: Brian Lindenbach
PRODUCTION MANAGER: Edouard Credgeur
NEWS: Jeff Nagel

NEWS/SPORTS: Sarah A. Zimmerman
NEWS/COMMUNITY: Jennifer Lang
FRONT OFFICE: Darlene Keeping & Carol McKay
CIRCULATION SUPERVISOR: Tammy Donovan
ADVERTISING CONSULTANTS:
Bert Husband & Debbie Simons
COMPOSING: Susan Credgeur
AD ASSISTANT: Sandra Stefanik

SUBSCRIPTION RATES BY MAIL:

\$57.94 (+\$4.06 GST)=62.00 per year;

Seniors \$50.98 (+\$3.57 GST)=54.55;

Out of Province \$65.17 (+\$4.56 GST)=69.73

Outside of Canada (6 months) \$156.91(+10.98 GST)=167.89

MEMBER OF

B.C. AND YUKON COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS ASSOCIATION
CANADIAN COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS ASSOCIATION
AND
B.C. PRESS COUNCIL (www.bcprescouncil.org)



Serving the Terrace and Thonmill area. Published on Wednesday of each week at 3210 Clinton Street, Terrace, British Columbia, V8G 5R2.
Stories, photographs, illustrations, designs and typesetters in the Terrace Standard are the property of the copyright holders, including Cariboo Press (1989) Ltd., its illustration repro services and advertising agencies.
Reproduction in whole or in part, without written permission, is specifically prohibited.
Authorized as second-class mail pending the Post Office Department, for payment of postage in cash.

Special thanks to all our contributors and correspondents for their time and talents



Memories of a war time Christmas

VICTORIA — Christmas is about childhood memories. And the older you get, the more vivid the memories become.

When you're my age, 66, white hair and white beard, often looked at with wide eyes by children, especially around Christmas time, suspecting that you just might be Santa Claus, your memories include those of your own and your children's childhood.

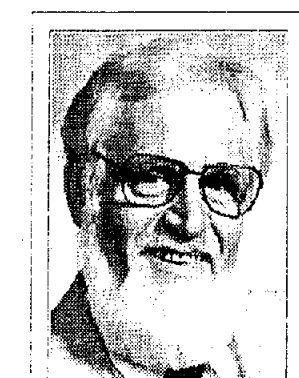
From the time of adulthood, I remember the first Christmas that included my wife and our first-born. We were so damned destitute, the only present under the tree that year was our baby, then three weeks old.

Ah, but what a present it was. Twelve months earlier, we were two young, carefree kids in love, without a hint of what parenthood meant. Suddenly, we were responsible for a human being we had created.

With each succeeding child, four in all, our fortunes improved. By child number two, we were already way ahead of what I remember from my own childhood, in financial terms, that is.

There was the Christmas when we bought each of our children a record player.

It was the time of 45s with 78s on the way out and LPs just



FROM THE CAPITAL
HUBERT BEYER

having hit the market. These babies played all three speeds, albeit tinny. In today's money those record players cost about \$300. And stereo was a long time off.

Of course, when I was a kid, I had not heard of record players. At age seven, my biggest wish was a sled.

The war had been raging for three years. My home town, Dusseldorf, was being ravaged by almost nightly air raids and Mother and I were evacuated to a beautiful small village on the River Main, called Stadtprozellen. Dad was stationed in Norway.

That Christmas, dad got furlough. My father was home

for Christmas. On the afternoon of Christmas Eve, the town put on a special do for the evacuees.

It wasn't really a Christmas celebration, because the Nazis tried to drum any religious connotation of the special day out of us.

The event, held in countless towns across Germany during the war, was referred to as Volksweihnacht, something like "peoples' yuletide."

There was a band, which played a lot of songs about snow and presents and stars, but avoided words like Jesus or Christ or God like the plague.

To the dismay of the local Nazis in full regalia, the people suddenly began singing Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht (Silent Night, Holy Night).

The hall reverberated to the voices of hundreds of people who had their fill of Volksweihnacht and O Tannenbaum.

Still, Nazi celebration or not, there were presents for the kids. Like I said earlier, I wanted nothing more than a sled. Snow was aplenty in the Stadtprozellen winters.

At the beginning, there were about a dozen sleds. When the last one had been given to a lucky kid, I was still sled-less.

As children are known to do, I cried. Mom and dad tried to console me, saying there might be an even better present at home later on. It didn't help.

I cried so hard that someone managed to find a sled somewhere. I went home happy. I had the sled I had wished for so hard.

Later that evening, we celebrated Christmas in the traditional fashion. We sang real Christmas songs. My parents talked about Christmases of their childhood.

And although it was not a time of lavish presents, I was happy with the few little things my parents had managed to find for me.

And then dad asked me to get him something from the bedroom. I walked into the bedroom, and there was the most beautiful sled I had ever laid eyes on.

It was made of white wood, polished to perfection, and would seat four kids easily.

That night, it snowed and snowed and snowed. And next morning, I was on the hills with my beautiful new sled.

Between that sled and my dad being home, it was a Christmas not soon to be forgotten. And the other sled wasn't without a new owner for very long.

Sit up straight and fix that hair

NOW THAT television has reached re-run season, constructive criticism is in order for several of my favourite talk shows.

Leno, Oprah and Dr. Phil. Their hosting is fine. What bothers me is their on-stage furniture, and female guests with hair hiding their faces.

Despite having budgets to fly guests in from across America and to hire expensive interior decorators to design their sets, they stint on seating like car manufacturers.

Almost all of Leno's guests find their chair uncomfortable. They wriggle, worm, cross their legs, flop from one side to the other, slide down, hoist themselves up, and still the chair doesn't fit them. Oh, for a saddle.

Leno should use three chairs, identical except for varying heights, depending upon his guests for the evening.

Before greeting a basketball player or Kiefer Sutherland, the set director could haul out the tall chair. For a program with



THROUGH BIFOCALS
CLAUDETTE SANDECKI

someone as short as Dustin Hoffman, they could position the short chair. And for average height guests, they could stick to the chair Leno uses now.

Guests try many positions to adjust to the awkward chair. Goldie Hawn pulls up her feet and sits on her crossed ankles like a giggling Buddha. Ewan McGregor sits sideways on one ankle.

Dustin Hoffman removed the

chair's thick cushion and plopped down on the platform covering the springs. Then his feet rested on the floor.

The height of Leno's chair is less discomfiting than the angle.

It should be pushed back and turned more toward Leno. Guests could then face forward and address Leno without cranking their neck over their left shoulder like an owl.

I've come to expect guests to move as though doused with itching powder. So I appreciate those with poise who quickly choose a position and hold it. Barbara Bush, Nicole Kidman, and President Jimmy Carter all sat still, hands relaxed in their laps for the full 20 minutes of their visit. But I'll bet they had a stiff neck next day from eyes left throughout the interview.

How is it neither Leno nor his staff move to accommodate guests? Or does the show intentionally use a chair guaranteed to upset their equilibrium thinking it invigorates lifeless interviews? Perhaps a group of chiropractors

are silent sponsors of the show?

Dr. Phil, too, could use velcro on his chair or have it upholstered in a fabric with grip. His chair is high to suit his height. He likes to lean against it and every few minutes raise himself up and sit, only to slide off.

And each time he sits, he leans over and yanks his suitcoat out from under his hip. I wish he'd shop at a store for the handicapped and buy a suitcoat with the bottom of the back cut out for wheelchair sitting.

My other pet peeve is female guests whose hair obscures their faces. Jennifer Aniston is a prime example. In a recent Oprah interview the "Friends" actor tossed her head like a Shetland dislodging a persistent horsefly and repeatedly combed one finger through her straggly locks to clear her view.

Until Oprah reached over and held Jennifer's hair out of her eyes while looking around for a bobbypin. How embarrassing for Jennifer and pesky for Oprah and viewers.



Happy Holidays,

Laurier & Lauraine Gagnon
Cornwall, Ontario

Think of them as Terrace's extended digital family.

Many Terrace residents who have moved away still follow the news here through the Standard's web site - at www.terracestandard.com.

Perhaps you can take the people out of the community, but you can't take the community out of the people.

In honour of them, we have turned our site into a Christmas card of the web for the month of December. We've invited our Internet readers to email in holiday greetings for friends and family back in Terrace.

For the past three weeks we've been posting their greetings to the web site. And we're printing as many of them as possible on this page.

Merry Christmas from everyone here at the Terrace Standard.

■ ■ ■

G'Day from Rotorua, New Zealand. We just wanted to say to all our friends in Terrace we miss you and loved visiting last December.

This year we will be at home here in New Zealand celebrating Christmas with seven of our Canadian family and about 20 Kiwis.

Picture us ex-Terracites basking in the sunshine while eating our Christmas BBQ lunch and you will discover why we enjoy living here so much.

Admittedly Christmas in the summer time just isn't the same. We miss snow, seeing houses decorated with Christmas lights, real Christmas trees, egg nog, and all our special friends back home. But hey, eating fresh strawberries from our garden Christmas morning is pretty cool though.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from

The Fentons (Tim, Vicki, Courtenay, Dakota and Riley)
Rotorua, New Zealand

Merry Christmas and all the best in the New Year from Calgary, Alberta.

Special wishes going to our friends and families, especially my Granny, Hazel Olson, and also Takeena, Jordan and Kolton Metcalfe, we miss you and can hardly wait to see you at Christmas. Greetings also going out to Sy and Blanche and their family, DeLorra and Jason Wall and their family, the Schmidts, Smaha, Dejong and Bifle families, Rob Adami and his family and to Sonny, as well as former co-workers from Superior Propane and Fountain Tire.

We have been living in Calgary now for about three months and so far so good. Great city with lots of opportunities in activities and lots of other areas of your life.

I graduated with honours from the Pharmacy Technician program in August and I am currently working full time in Calgary. Tom is working for Fountain Tire at the Kemess Mine site in B.C.

The girls are doing very well and adjusting nicely. They are both part of home groups with our church and are really enjoying it. Chantel will be heading to Mexico on a mission with the church to build houses for the less fortunate during spring break, she is pumped about that. She also just got back from bible camp and Stephanie will be heading to bible camp in January.

Well all the best to everyone. Merry Christmas and have a wonderful and safe New Year.

Cheryl, Chantel & Stephanie
Le Masurier and Tom Metcalfe
Calgary, Alberta

Christmas greetings to all my old friends from the '77 grad class and especially to my Terrace family, my Dad, Allan Dubeau, Evelyn Francis and brothers James and Ben. Miss you so much at this time of the year.

I hope you are keeping warm and Santa's helpers are shoveling your driveways.

It's been cold this December in the town I call home, Bronson, Florida,

Christmas Greetings

Faraway readers of the Terrace Standard's web site send their holiday thoughts and wishes via email for everyone back home



KIWI CHRISTMAS: Courtenay, Dakota and Riley Fenton are enjoying a warm Christmas in Rotorua, New Zealand. They and parents Vicki and Tim Fentons send greetings for everyone back in Terrace.

but no snow - we have to watch that on TV. Kids are avidly anticipating Santa and this Mom is hoping Santa's elves wrote assembly instructions in English this year!

Hugs from afar and warm wishes for good health and happiness in the new year.

Love and miss you all!

Yvonne Czarniak (Dubeau) and family, Eric (17), Bennie (14) Marie (5) and Daniel (3).
Bronson, Florida

Christmas Greetings to friends and surrogate family in Terrace from Terry McCormick (Gordon) and Brettney.

Particular holiday cheer to my Terrace Little Theatre family - I follow your endeavours (and escapades) and long to be back "on the boards." One day my schedule will permit once again my love of theatre.

Life is great in Vancouver - I am now called to the British Columbia Bar and I am practicing law in the areas of personal injury (using that valuable nursing background) and criminal.

I enjoy the clients I work with, and like any other new profession, you are learning more each day that you do it than you did during the seven years at school.

Hayley, Mikala and Brettney are all in Vancouver - going to school and working. Dylan is in Calgary pursuing his musical career dream.

I hope this holiday greeting finds you all happy, healthy and staying warm! Cheers,

Terry McCormick
Vancouver B.C.

From our home to your home in Terrace!

We wish you a very Merry Christmas and Prosperous 2004. We miss you all but love it here in the sunny Okanagan.



FORMER Terrace city councillor Olga Power, now in Nanaimo, came back to Terrace for Riverboat Days this summer to warm welcomes.

nagan. God Bless you all. Love,
Julia and La-Verne Fredericks
Westbank B.C.

Greetings from Nanaimo.

Hugh and I wish all the people of the Greater Terrace area peace and joy over the holiday season. To all the hardworking members of the Greater Terrace Beautification Society, Pacific Northwest Music Festival, the family of Kin, family and friends still living up there - Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year.

Hugh & Olga Power
Nanaimo B.C.

A Very Merry Christmas and hopes for a more prosperous New Year to all.

Special wishes to my families, the Frank and Earl families of Terrace and Lakelse Lake areas. Wonderful people such as Jim MacKenzie and Yvonne Moen and those at the Happy Gang Centre, who have in the past brought my birthplace and heritage much more into focus after many years of absence. To the Terrace Standard and its staff, best wishes for the future, thanks for keeping all the 'out of towners' up-to-date with all the news, weather, community - great work and so very much appreciated!

This is coming from central Alberta (Red Deer), where Prairie winters are a definite challenge!

We miss our beautiful B.C. mountains, rivers, lakes, wildlife and families and friends.

Hope to see you come spring or summer. Take care one and all.

Julie (Earl) Eakins
Red Deer, Alberta

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to Granny

Joan, Poppa Gunner, Daddy Garrett, Uncle D, Uncle Jason, Auntie Jennie, Auntie Max and anyone who we missed. Love you all

Miss you all and hope your Christmas and New Year is the best. Love,



Curtis Jeselon

Curtis, Bobby and Danielle Jeselon
Fort St. James B.C.

Greetings From Ocean Park, Washington!

Wishing all our family and friends in and around Terrace, a Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year.

We hope your holidays are safe and happy.

Monte and Donna Snyder
Ocean Park, Washington

Merry Christmas from Cornwall, Ontario to our daughter and her family, Mr. & Mrs. Monty Cook, Steven, Heather, and Andrew. May your Christmas be filled with joy, and that Santa Claus brings you gifts.

We also would like to take this opportunity to bring seasons greetings to all your friends, which we had the pleasure of meeting during our visits to Terrace. Also to the gang at the bowling alley, I really enjoyed participating.

Fröhe Weihnachten aus Germany!
Wow I miss everyone so much. I hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and I am thinking of all my friends and family.

I am an exchange student here in Germany, sponsored by the Downtown Rotary Club in Terrace. I left Terrace in early August and I will stay here for one year.

I am living in a town called Rostock, which is really close to the Baltic Sea - only about 15 minutes! So it is really nice.

During my year here, I will stay with three different guest families for four months each.

I am learning German, of course, which is super hard but I am catching on. The Youth Exchange Program is really great and I am having an incredible time.

Here there are four weeks of celebration for Weihnachten (Christmas). We have the first weekend, called the First Advent, where we light one candle on a wreath with four candles on it.

Then the second weekend Nikolaus comes and brings chocolate and candy for everyone and puts it in their shoes! And we light the second candle.

The third advent we light the third candle and then Christmas comes in the fourth week! And we, of course, light the fourth candle!

We also celebrate Christmas on the 24th, not on the 25th as we do in Canada.

Well Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Take care. Love Always,

Alison Smith
Rostock, Germany

Merry Christmas to everyone back home!

I have to say that living in North Bay, Ontario definitely makes you appreciate the beauty that once surrounded you in the scenery that Terrace has to offer.

Not only do I miss the mountains but I miss the people of Terrace as well.

I grew up surrounded by a great community of people, both friends and friends of my family and wherever I go I speak highly of both Terrace and the people that make it the place I like to call home.

Terrence really is a haven of community spirit!

Here's hoping you all have a safe and happy holiday season!

Living in beautiful Northern B.C., you just don't know how good you have it until you are gone!

Looking forward to making it back one day.

Season's Greetings!

Alison Simpson (Fredericks)
Caledonia Grad-1986
North Bay, Ontario



Alison Simpson

To Eric Organ:

Hi Eric, just wanted to take this opportunity to wish you a Very Merry Christmas and a wonderful and happy New Year!

Sure wish you could be here to celebrate the holidays with us. I know that's not possible but I am so glad that the Terrace Standard has given me a chance to send you this personal greeting. What a great idea!

Can't wait for you to get home for a visit. So once again, hope you have a Very Merry Christmas and a Wonderful and Happy New Year!

We would also like to wish a Happy Holiday Season to Pam, Adam and his wife, Brian and his wife, and all your friends and co-workers. Cheers to all of the residents of Terrace!

Cecilia, James, Rose Ann, and Corey Organ
and all your family and friends
here in Cape Breton.
Florence, Nova Scotia

Merry Christmas to all our friends and neighbours in Terrace and surrounding area.

We are enjoying the 350 days or so of sunshine here in Arizona. The local golf courses call to us but unfortunately work must take priority. Gil finished up his job in Joseph City so he is taking the rest of the year off.

The temperature here today is 77 F with the wind chill factor. We find it very difficult to get into the Christmas spirit with no snow. You don't realize the difference the sparkling Christmas lights off snow make. We are struggling to make do. Ha Ha.

We wish the people of Terrace peace, happiness and the spirit of the season. Best wishes,

Gil and Anne Payne
Mesa, Arizona



LAURIER AND Lauraine Gagnon send holiday greetings for friends and family from their home in Cornwall, Ontario.

For more Christmas greetings, see our Christmas Greetings section starting on page B1.

Andrew Westerhoff,
Terrace, B.C.

The Mail Bag

**Roy C. Atrill,
Thornhill, B.C.**

**HURRY IN! THE
CHRISTMAS STORE IS
CLOSING FOR THE SEASON!**

**All Remaining
Christmas Inventory
1/2 PRICE**


**Collectables,
Snow Babies, Dickens Houses
25% OFF**

**SALE
STARTS
DEC. 27TH**

Where Quality
Makes A Difference

GEMMA'S
Boutiques

**Open Sundays • Noon-5:00 pm
Skeena Mall - Terrace • 1-800-563-4362**



VEHICLE-A-DAY GIVEAWAY

Celebration

EVERYONE'S A WINNER

**DURING OUR YEAR-END CELEBRATION WHEN YOU CHOOSE
A SELECTED NEW IN-STOCK 2003 OR 2004 FORD.**

*Subject to contest eligibility

WIN YOUR VEHICLE!

ONE WINNER FOR EACH DAY

\$10,000

OFF

**\$5,000
OFF**

OFF

**\$2,500
OFF**

OFF

\$500

OFF

UP TO \$1,500

**PLUS, RIGHT NOW AND FOR
A LIMITED TIME, GET**

2003'S

**0%
60 MONTH
PURCHASE
FINANCING**

**ON MOST NEW IN-STOCK
REMAINING 2003 VEHICLES**

OR

2004'S

0%
48 MO

**PURCHASE FINANCING
ON MOST NEW 2004 VEHICLE**

PLUS... UP TO \$1,500 CASHBACK AVAILABLE ON MOST 2003s.

HURRY IN. LIMITED TIME OFFER.

Built for life in BC

FREE TO ENTER
1,000,000⁺⁺
DREAM
 VISIT
forddream.ca

[illegible]

**TERRACE
STEM FORD**

4631 Keith Avenue Terrace, B.C. (250) 635-4984
Fax (250) 635-2783 Toll Free 1-800-463-1128 DL #5548

It's going to be a rough ride under new PM Paul Martin

Dear Sir:

I would like to echo the sentiments of John Jensen in his Nov. 26, 2003 letter to the editor regarding the new Prime Minister, Paul Martin.

Mr. Martin, when he was the finance minister, was behind the EI reduction fiasco, where there is currently a surplus of some \$46 billion. Yet fewer and fewer people qualify for it.

It is in times like these, especially here in northern B.C. that we need EI to be there for those who supported and paid into and created this huge surplus.

Now about the words of former Prime Minister Brian Mulroney as quoted in Jeff Nagel's Dec. 3, 2003 feature, "Close U.S. ties enrich, addict us."

"Our countries are much stronger, our economies more robust, our people more prosperous, our social structures more resilient," as Mr. Mulroney states is misrepresentative of fact, or should we call this another 'mulroneyism'.

Move over, Brian. Vote for Paul Martin and take the lead he has already shown.

Mr. Martin has shown us he is a leader - a leader in social cutbacks. What does the past record show for Mr. Martin as Minister of Finance?

* Reducing the federal share of medicare from 25 per cent to barely 14 per cent.

* The largest cuts in Canada's history to social programs by any politician.

* Child poverty has increased by 60 per cent.

* Tuition fees have more than doubled.

* Huge reductions in federal programs, that have now become pay as you go - airports, Nav Canada, airport

CORRESPONDENCE FOR THE TERRACE STANDARD

The Mail Bag

security, coastguard services, etc.

You are paying the same amount in taxes, which were justified by the public programs and social infrastructure we thought we were in essence buying.

You now no longer have that social structure, or indeed the great many public programs. They have quietly been eroded, disappeared, or become one of the many fee for service programs.

Federal program spending declined far faster and far deeper during the Martin era than in any other major industrial economy, even those starting out with larger deficits and debts.

Mr Martin said: "This leadership race is about the future and the changes we need to make as a country. A government that is unafraid to change and eager to turn the page and look into the future" in a speech to party supporters last spring.

The direction Mr. Martin has already shown to be taking is not the one in which Canadian values have historically or presently embraced.

Mr. Martin refuses to outline the direction he wants to lead us in. We must look at his past for an indication of where his sympathies lie, as an example of what to expect. Let us all remember this at the polls, like we did Mulroney.

Jim Smith, Terrace, B.C.

Charlie has
30 seizures
a day
Research
may help
change
his life



EPILEPSY
CANADA
1 877 SEIZURE
1-877-734-6372

www.epilepsy.ca

Thank You

to all those who attended the first
NORTHERN HEALTHCARE
SENIORS EXPO
on Wednesday, Dec. 10th.
Congratulations to our draw winners:
Vi Bonick • Gabrielle Godet • Maria Pereira
Thank you to Lola & Norm for providing music.

**Northern
Healthcare**
100-4634 Park Ave., Terrace, B.C.
In the Park Avenue Medical Building

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 13 - Terrace NEW YEARS EVE DINNER & DANCE

DECEMBER 31ST, 2003

Ring Out The Old...Ring In The New with...
FRANK AND FRIENDS

hors d'oeuvre
7:30 p.m.

Doors Open
7:30 p.m.

Meal
8:00 p.m.



FUN CASINO

FUN CASINO

FUN CASINO

FUN CASINO

Receive \$10.00 Free Casino Money

MEMBERS AND BONA FIDE GUESTS WELCOME

ONLY 150 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD
TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE BRANCH
635-5825

Tickets \$30.00 each Courtesy Shuttle Available

Right on

Dear Sir:

Thank you Betty Demmitt for stating how you feel about snowplows plugging your driveway in the Dec. 10 story in *The Terrace Standard*. I know exactly how she feels.

I live on a dead end street and the city does not even come here to plow until three days after a storm. By that time we have managed to make a pathway out to Eby Street.

After the last storm they came at 3 a.m. - waking everybody up. I thought there was a noise bylaw.

We just get all shovelled out when they throw huge chunks back in the driveway. I request that they never even bother coming down our street.

Vi Timmerman,
Terrace, B.C.

Second Annual
New Years Dance!
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31ST - 8 P.M.
Thornhill Community Centre • Tickets \$20 ea.
Tickets available at Misty River Books and Fabricland
Open to adults 19 and over • Music by Sight & Sound Productions

Midnight Buffet Door Prizes Free Ride Home

Sponsored by the Parents of the Terrace Blueback Swim Club!

Volunteers are "urgently"
needed to help a senior or disabled person maintain safe access to their home during the winter months. If you can help someone in your area by keeping a pathway and stairs clear of snow, please call the Volunteer Bureau at 638-1330

**TERRACE
VOLUNTEER
BUREAU**

Store Closing!

**BOXING WEEK
SAVINGS!**

20-60% OFF

everything in the store*

*EXCEPT TOBACCO PRODUCTS & CANADA POST PRODUCTS & SERVICES

THE SAVINGS WON'T LAST!

ONE LOCATION ONLY, FOR A LIMITED TIME ONLY

EVERYTHING MUST BE SOLD!

DEALERS WELCOME! STORE FIXTURES FOR SALE!

THE BARGAIN! SHOP®

4647 Lakelse Avenue • Terrace, British Columbia

OPEN Tuesday 8am - 10pm, Wednesday 8am - 5:30pm

Fri & Sat 9am - 6pm, Sun 10am - 5pm, Monday 9am - 6pm

Money for school district feeds hungry students

THE SCHOOL district has given out nearly \$336,000 throughout the region for food, literacy and other programs aimed at improving the lot of vulnerable students.

The money comes from the children and family development ministry and represents a substantial increase over what has been received in previous years because of economic and other hardships affecting the region.

Included is a \$1,000 grant for each of the district's 24 schools to create or maintain small stockpiles of food for students who occasionally need something to eat, says Dawn Martin, the district's official in charge of disbursing the money.

"We're calling it the hungry students' cupboard," said Martin. "It doesn't replace other food programs but does recognize that some students may need food occasionally and it recognizes that a lot of schools are doing this already."

Seven schools in Terrace received money for either breakfast or lunch programs, totalling \$33,032 in all.

These don't include existing lunch programs at Clarence Michiel or E.T. Kenney schools which are also financed by the children and family development ministry.

Clarence Michiel principal Cheryl Sebastian called the \$5,000 grant it received for a breakfast program a welcome supplement.

"We're starting as soon as we can get it organized," she said.

Cassie Hall in Terrace did not apply for a food program but it is receiving \$6,100 to mount an accelerated reading effort. Uplands Elementary on the bench did not apply for anything, but it is receiving the \$1,000 for a hungry students' cupboard.

The biggest allocation in Terrace, \$57,066, went to the Kalum Horseshoe Community School Society to hire a person to better connect parents and students with programs to assist them, said Martin.

"There's a need to have a person to connect schools with outside agencies," she said.

Compared to Terrace, where food was a top priority, agencies in Kitimat combined to receive \$113,375 for a community-wide effort aimed at vulnerable students.

Literacy topped the list in the Hazeltons where John Field Elementary received \$48,610 for a book program and Kitwanga Elementary received \$11,000 for literacy coaching. A separate group in the Hazeltons has \$8,010 to take books around in a van to community schools.

Martin said it is important to note that some of the money is going to programs not directly tied to school activities. And that's based on the recognition that schools themselves cannot solely provide the foundations for student success, she added.

"If we really want to give vulnerable students services, the community has to be involved," Martin said.

That's why Martin's excited about one particular non-school project, \$8,500 for Kitsumkalum to provide for activities on Fridays. That's the day the school district

has closed schools this year in an attempt to cut a budget deficit. All told, \$393,000 was made available by the children and family development ministry and with \$336,000 handed out, that means there's a reserve of just over \$58,000.

Not all of the applications received met the criteria to be accepted, said Martin. As well, the committee set up to disburse the money wanted to keep some of it in reserve should next year's lump sum by the ministry be lower than this year. But the committee will also look at new proposals up until next spring.

The school district also hired a person, Neil Burrows, to help the committee using a separate grant provided by the ministry.



HOLIDAY GARBAGE COLLECTION

City of Terrace residents who have residential garbage collection on Thursday or Friday, please take note of the change to your route over the Holidays.

- You will not have a pickup over the Christmas Week (Christmas Day & Boxing Day), nor on New Years Day.
- The following week we will collect your refuse on Monday, December 29th, 2003 and on Friday, January 2nd, 2004.

There is no change to the Tuesday or Wednesday routes over the holidays. All pickup times are likely to vary so be sure to have refuse at the curb-side by 8:00 a.m.

The LANDFILL SITE is closed every Tuesday and Wednesday, and on Christmas Day.

Seasons Greetings

Public Works enquiries - phone 615-4021

BOXING DAY SALE

3 DAYS ONLY

THIS FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY ONLY!

STOREWIDE SAVINGS

20 to 60 %

CASH & CARRY SAVINGS

ALL FRAMED PICTURES 40% OFF	ALL LAMPS 40% OFF
SOFA SETS UP TO 50% OFF	OAK ENTERTAINMENT 50% OFF
RECLINING CHAIR \$99.00	LEATHER CHAIRS 1/2 PRICE
SILENT DREAM MATTRESS REG. \$2299 3 DAYS ONLY \$999.99	KITCHEN TABLE & 4 CHAIRS \$299.99
SAMSUNG 55" HDTV 1 ONLY \$2899	Panasonic 56" HDTV 1 ONLY \$2999

TOO MUCH TO LIST STOREWIDE!

NO DOWN PAYMENT

TAKE UP TO 2 YEARS TO PAY

EVEN ON BOXING DAY SAVINGS

TERRACE FURNITURE MART & RadioShack

4434 Lakelse Avenue, Terrace • 638-0555 • Toll Free 1-800-638-0530

FACTORY DIRECT OUTLET

4519 Lakelse Avenue, Terrace

We're Unloading Truckloads Of

Mattresses & Sleep Systems Every Day!

Check Out The Savings!

• Natura Organic Sleep Systems
 • Spring Air Sleep Systems
 • Resonic (King/Koii)
 • Sofa Sleep Systems
 • Heavenly Dream
 • Endless Dream
 • Memory - Waterbeds
 • Air Beds

MATTRESSES & SLEEP SETS

4519 Lakelse Avenue, Terrace • 635-5555

The Terrace Standard is **online**
www.terracestandard.com
 Check out our site or call 638-7283 for advertising information

Complete Insurance Services
Keenleyside Insurance Services

a proud sponsor of

CRIME STOPPERS

Terrace Crimestoppers are asking for help to solve a break and enter to a residence on River Drive in Terrace, B.C.

On December 7th, 2003, a resident of River Drive in Terrace, B.C. discovered some money had been stolen from her purse in her house. A door latch to the room had been broken and entry gained. In addition to the money, some personal identification was stolen and later returned.

Terrace Crimestoppers wants your information, not your name. Any information is valuable and may lead to the arrest and conviction of the offenders.

Crime Stoppers offers a cash reward of up to \$1,000.00 for information leading to an arrest and/or conviction. If you have any information call "Crime Stoppers" at 635-TIPS that's 635-8477. Callers will NEVER be required to reveal their name or testify in court. Crime Stoppers does NOT subscribe to call display.

Call 635-TIPS

COMPLETE INSURANCE SERVICES
 Home & Tenant
 Commercial • Liability • Jet Boats
 Mobile Homes • Travel
CONVENIENT DRIVE-THROUGH

www.keenleyside.com

Autoplan

Complete Insurance Services

Keenleyside Insurance Services

1-800-335-8088

250-635-5232

Fax: 250-635-3288

4635 Greig Avenue, Terrace, B.C. (Next To SAAN)

TERRACE STANDARD

BUSINESS REVIEW



■ New bar in town

EXCAVATION was underway last week for the long-planned gas bar at Canada Safeway. Keller Construction of Edmonton is heading the project with mainly local workers. The gas bar, which will also sell diesel, is to be finished by the end of February. Grocery customers will get discounts on gas. JEFF NAGEL PHOTO

Victoria, P.G. are next for Hawkair

HAWKAIR is adding a Vancouver-Victoria service it says will allow northwest passengers to easily fly to the provincial capital.

It will also fly Victoria-Prince George, marking the first time the Terrace-based airline has entered that market.

The new destinations start Feb. 7 and replace Smithers, which the airline dropped earlier this month, citing insufficient passenger numbers.

Communications director Charlynn Toews said the move reflects repeated requests from passengers for a Victoria service. "People had been asking us to fly there," she said.

Other carriers flights to Victoria didn't always mesh well with Hawkair's flights from northern B.C.

She said passengers from Terrace or Prince Rupert arriving on Hawkair's morning flight can now make an 11 a.m. connection and be in Victoria at 11:25 a.m. A 4:50 p.m. departure from Victoria connects to evening return flights to Terrace and Prince Rupert. The Victoria flights are \$53.50 each way for Hawkair's connecting passengers.

Hawkair will also add a third Terrace-Vancouver return flight on Sundays, Fridays and Mondays.

And the airline will fly a non-stop Victoria-Prince George midday route to maximize the use of the plane Hawkair used to keep in Smithers but will now base in Vancouver.

"WestJet announced a couple of days ago that they would stop flying between Prince George and Victoria," Toews said. "Apparently they only had about 40 passengers and they're flying at exactly the same time we have these pilots sitting idle. We thought, 'Well let's go to Prince George.'"

Hawkair's route will essentially start right after WestJet pulls out, in the same time slot, but with the smaller Dash-8 aircraft.

"Because of centralization of government offices in Prince George, there's a lot of government travel," she said. "We were very pleased that we were ready, willing and able to jump in there."

The airline had also considered new destinations in Alberta before opting for the new flights to Victoria and Prince George, she said.

Toews said Hawkair has continued to postpone its previously announced plan to offer a flight to Sandspit. That may wait until Hawkair gets more planes.

www.hawkair.ca


Call your local travel agent

Web NORTH.ca

In Memory Gifts fund vital heart and stroke research and health promotion programs. Please print the name of the deceased or the person honoured; the name/address of the next of kin; in full; and your name/address for receipt (if not the same as above). Please mail your donation to: HEART and STROKE FOUNDATION OF B.C. & YUKON, P.O. Box 22, Terrace, B.C. Y8G 4A2 638-1966

A healthy lifestyle begins with a healthy diet




For more information, visit www.healthcheck.org or call the Heart and Stroke Foundation at 1-888-188-INFO



Health Check... tells you it's a healthy choice






Sidewalkers

ANNUAL WINTER CLOSING SALE

30, 40, 50% OFF ENTIRE STORE


5 DAYS ONLY
Starting Boxing Day!
Dec. 26, 27, 28, 29, 30

Merry Christmas from all of us!



SIDEWALKERS

UNIQUE CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR
4548 Lazelle, Terrace 638-1711




BOXING WEEK SALE!

SAVINGS IN EVERY DEPARTMENT

SONY **PANASONIC** **KODAK** **CANON** **FUJI** **JVC** **SONY** **KODAK** **FENDER** **DENON** **AUDIOTRONIC**


SIGHT & SOUND



**KEITH AVE. MALL
TERRACE
635-5333**

**CITY CENTRE
KITIMAT
632-5000**

**SKEENA MALL
TERRACE
635-4948**



1-800-663-3183

Wind and ice affect landings

NOT EVEN the airport's new instrument landing system (ILS) was able to help several Air Canada Jazz flights land here last month and this month.

While pilots of the company's Bae-146 four-engine jets could use the ILS to bring down their aircraft to landing height in inclement weather, a brisk tail wind meant they had to circle to land from the other direction.

"When you're coming in at 100 knots, let's say, you don't want a tailwind of 25 knots. What you want to do is circle around and land into the wind," explained airport manager Laurie Brown.

But on these occasions, the clouds were too low to allow for the aircraft to safely circle around, so the landings were called off, he said.

The Bae-146 is a larger plane than the Dash 8 Jazz was flying here until the beginning of November.

Not only is the Bae-146 heavier, it doesn't have the kind of braking system to allow it to safely stop on the runway if there is a significant tail wind. Landing into the wind helps slow an aircraft down, reducing brake wear and the runway distance that is needed.

"With the Dash 8 you wouldn't have a problem, but with the Bae-146 you would," said Brown.

As it is, Bae-146s have gone off the runway here twice in past years.

Having room for larger aircraft to slow down is one reason airport officials are going ahead with plans to lengthen the 6,000 foot runway by 1,500 feet.

"You need more runway to slow down," said Brown.

How slippery the runway is in winter was also raised by Brown as a reason to lengthen it. "Even if there is not a tailwind, and if there is not good friction, they will go elsewhere," he said of aircraft.

Airport workers conduct tests of the runway in the winter to determine how slick the surface is. They relay the information to airline officials who will then decide if their pilots will be allowed to land or not.

Brown said snow-clearing operators will be on the runway until the last possible minute prior to an aircraft landing to ensure it is as clean as possible.



■ Bear preserved

THE AREA'S famous symbol, the kermode bear, was among the items placed in the city's 75th time capsule, now placed underground at Heritage Park. That's time capsule chair Willy Schneider with Peter Haigh of Northwest Community College. Haigh organized the crafting of the capsule and sealed it when it was full.

ORs take a Christmas breather

ALL THREE hospitals in the northwest are cutting back on their operating room schedules over the Christmas holidays.

"We have a number of staff and physicians who take time off during the holidays," said Mark Karjaluto of the Northern Health Authority.

"And patients typically don't want to have elective surgery during the holidays. So things slow down at our

facilities," he said.

But surgeons and other medical staff will be on-call for duty here at Mills Memorial Hospital and in Prince Rupert.

"Kitimat will retain capabilities to do emergency sections. We'll also have orthopaedic call back there on Jan. 2, a few days before they get back to their regular schedule," said Karjaluto.

GREENWOOD CHIROPRACTIC SERVICES

- Emergency Care & X-Ray
- Auto & Work Injury
- Sports Injury
- Footmaxx Orthotics

NO REFERRAL NECESSARY

Dr. R.D. Greenwood
4635 Lazelle Ave., Terrace, B.C.
638-8165

OPEN MONDAY TO SATURDAY

CLEAR THE AIR

Reduce air pollution from residential wood smoke and auto emissions with tips from the Association.

BRITISH COLUMBIA LUNG ASSOCIATION
Box 34009, Station D
Vancouver, B.C. V6J 4M2
(Advertising space donated by this publication)

HAWKAIR

NEW YEAR SUPER SEAT SPECIAL!

from **\$99⁰⁰***

*Your Hawkair fare includes taxes and fees. One Way. New bookings only. Restrictions apply. Limited seating.

Book Tuesday, December 23 until Wednesday, December 31, 2003 for travel January 6th to April 6th, 2004.

NEW

Victoria service starts February 7, 2004.

Book now.

Ask about Hawkair's Deep Discount Child & Student Fares!

Call 635-4295

Book On-Line: www.hawkair.ca

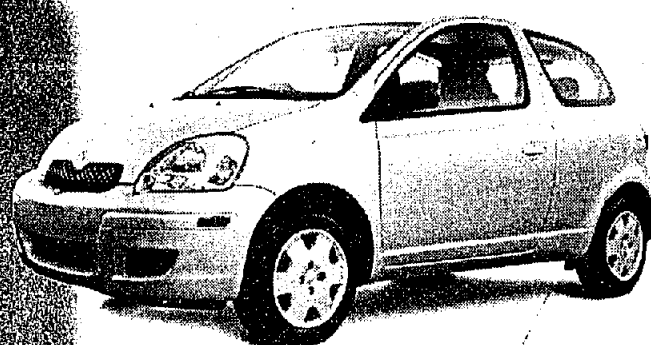
or Call Your Hawkair Appointed Travel Agent

2004

\$0 Security Deposit on all 2004 models!

2004 Echo Hatchback CE

LEASE FROM **\$168** PER MO. / 48 MONTH LEASE
\$1,450 DOWN PAYMENT OR EQUIVALENT TRADE
FINANCE FROM **3.9% OAC** OR PURCHASE FROM **\$13,964**



2004 Corolla CE

LEASE FROM **\$199** PER MO. / 48 MONTH LEASE
\$2,940 DOWN PAYMENT OR EQUIVALENT TRADE
FINANCE FROM **5.9% OAC** OR PURCHASE FROM **\$17,415**



2003 4Runner SR5

LEASE FROM **\$369** PER MO. / 48 MONTH LEASE
\$5,280 DOWN PAYMENT OR EQUIVALENT TRADE
FINANCE FROM **1.9% OAC** OR PURCHASE FROM **\$39,105**



2003 Tundra V8

LEASE FROM **\$389** PER MO. / 48 MONTH LEASE
\$4,480 DOWN PAYMENT OR EQUIVALENT TRADE
FINANCE FROM **1.9% OAC** OR PURCHASE FROM **\$37,873**

2003

\$0 Security Deposit on all 2003 models and 1.9% financing on all 2003 vehicles. Limited inventory!

ACCESS **TOYOTA** Your Toyota BC Dealers

1-888-TOYOTA-8 • access.toyota.ca



IT PAYS TO READ THE FINE PRINT: Vehicle models may not be exactly as shown. Access prices in this advertisement are in effect for the month of December 2003 and are set by Access Toyota Dealers in British Columbia. For the 2004 Echo Hatchback CE, JT123M (A) Monthly Lease payments of \$168 based on 60-month walk away lease with \$1,450 down. Total lease obligations are \$11,438. Access purchase price is \$13,964. For the 2004 Corolla Sedan CE, BR32EP (A) Monthly Lease payments of \$199 based on 48-month walk away lease with \$2,940 down. Total lease obligations are \$12,500. Access purchase price is \$17,415. For the 2003 4Runner SR5-V6, BU14RP (A) Monthly Lease payments of \$369 based on 48-month walk away lease with \$5,280 down. Total lease obligations are \$23,010. Access purchase price is \$39,105. For the 2003 Tundra V8, BT441S (C) Monthly Lease payments of \$389 based on 48-month walk away lease with \$4,480 down. Total lease obligations are \$23,151. Access purchase price is \$37,873. Lease payments are based on a maximum of 86,000 km, 120,000 km for the Echo Hatchback. Additional charges are 7¢/km for Echo Hatchback and Corolla, 15¢/km for 4Runner and 10¢/km for Tundra. License, insurance, and applicable taxes are extra. Access purchase price includes a maximum for freight and pre-delivery inspection of \$680 for 2004 Echo Hatchback, \$1,030 for 2004 Corolla, \$1,380 for 2003 4Runner and \$1,380 for 2003 Tundra. Other payment plans available. Contact 1-888-Toyota-8 or visit your Toyota BC Dealer. A Toyota dealer is free to set its own retail prices and will not suffer in any way should the dealer choose to sell at a price lower than those posted on www.toyota.ca. Some conditions apply, and offers may change without notice. See your participating Toyota BC Dealer for more details.



TERRACE MOTORS

4912 Highway 16 West, Terrace, BC (250) 635-6558

CITY SCENE

Clubs & pubs

GATOR'S PUB: Thurs. DVD giveaway. Friday, Dec. 26 come on our for our Rave featuring guest DJs. Sat. Dec. 27 Extreme Video Night. New Years Eve come on out and party to the music of Mid Night Run. Get your tickets while they last. Nightly specials.

BEASLEY'S MIX: Theresa Marie sings Friday evenings. Watch your favourite sports programs on a large screen TV.

GEORGES PUB: Pure Morning featuring local Terrace talent Dec. 26 and 27. New Year's Eve party tickets now available. Don't miss our Ladies Pool Tournament Monday nights.

HANKY PANKY'S is your dance party night club. No cover. Free pool Wednesday, college night Thursday, Hot DJ and Top 40 dance Friday and Saturday. Karaoke contest Tuesday and Wednesday.

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION: Saturdays: jam sessions with Frank and Friends, Moonshine and Copper Mountain. Participant prize meat draw starts at 4 p.m. All members welcome; bring a guest. Lounge opens at 3 p.m.

New Year's

■ **New Year's Dance** Wed. Dec. 31 at the Thornhill Community Centre. Starting at 8:30 p.m. Adults aged 19 and over. Tickets are \$20 at Misty River Books and Fabric Land. Midnight buffet, door prizes, free ride home. Music by Sight and Sound productions. Sponsored by the parents of the Terrace Blueback Swim Club.

■ **Kermode Bear Swim**, Thursday, Jan. 1 at the Kinsmen Kiddies Camp (1st Ave.) at Lakelse Lake, starting at 1 p.m. Pledge forms at Misty River Books. Join us for the jump!

Concerts

■ **Borealis String Quartet**, Canada's newest chamber music sensation, presented by the Terrace Concert Society Saturday, Jan. 17 at the R.E.M. Lee Theatre, starting at 8 p.m. Tickets at Cook's Jewellers in the Skeena Mall.



Theatre

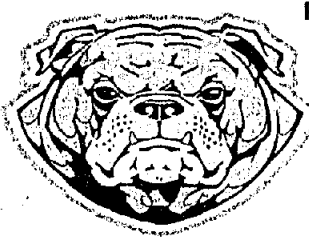
■ **Two Planks and a Passion Theatre company** presents *Halo*, play about what happens to the denizens of a small Nova Scotia town when the image of Jesus appears on a wall at the local Tim Hortons. Presented Jan. 31 at the R.E.M. Lee Theatre as part of the Terrace Concert Society's 2003-04 season. Tickets at Cook's Jewellers.

Visual arts

■ **The Terrace Art Gallery** is closed for the month of December. A textile exhibit featuring work of local artists will be opening in January.

Fax 638-8432 to make the SCENE. Deadline is 5 p.m. Thursday. Events will run space permitting.

TO ALL RESIDENTS



Please have your dog leashed or fenced-in away from your mail boxes on Wednesdays and Saturdays so your newspaper carrier can deliver your paper.

Georges Pub

"Licensed For Good Times"

Dec. 26th to Dec. 27th
Friday & Saturday

Pure Morning

Featuring Local Terrace Talent

DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE TO WIN!

A night in our... Canuck's Luxury Box"

Sponsored by: Sight & Sound, Totem Furniture, Northern Motor Inn, All Seasons Source For Sports

CATCH OUR LADIES POOL TOURN - MONDAY NIGHTS

New Year's Eve Party - Best Party In Town!

Tickets now available at the Northern Motor Inn. \$17 per person.

ASK ABOUT OUR ALL INCLUSIVE ROOM & PARTY RATES!

STOP IN AT THE... THORNHILL PUB

Thursdays-All You Can Eat Spaghetti!

Check Out Our New Kitchen Hours Good Food & Great Times • 7 Days A Week

live country music • Fri. & Sat.

Saturday Afternoon Jam at 3pm • Sunday Karaoke at 7pm

Try Your Luck!

3086 Highway 16, Terrace, B.C.

Ph: 635-6375

Try Your Luck!

3086 Highway 16, Terrace, B.C.

Ph: 635-6375

Try Your Luck!

3086 Highway 16, Terrace, B.C.

Ph: 635-6375

Try Your Luck!

3086 Highway 16, Terrace, B.C.

Ph: 635-6375

Try Your Luck!

3086 Highway 16, Terrace, B.C.

Ph: 635-6375

Try Your Luck!

3086 Highway 16, Terrace, B.C.

Ph: 635-6375

Try Your Luck!

3086 Highway 16, Terrace, B.C.

Ph: 635-6375

Try Your Luck!

3086 Highway 16, Terrace, B.C.

Ph: 635-6375

Try Your Luck!

3086 Highway 16, Terrace, B.C.

Ph: 635-6375

Try Your Luck!

3086 Highway 16, Terrace, B.C.

Ph: 635-6375

Try Your Luck!

3086 Highway 16, Terrace, B.C.

Ph: 635-6375

Try Your Luck!

3086 Highway 16, Terrace, B.C.

Ph: 635-6375

Try Your Luck!

3086 Highway 16, Terrace, B.C.

Ph: 635-6375

Try Your Luck!

3086 Highway 16, Terrace, B.C.

Ph: 635-6375

Try Your Luck!

3086 Highway 16, Terrace, B.C.

Ph: 635-6375

Try Your Luck!

3086 Highway 16, Terrace, B.C.

Ph: 635-6375

Try Your Luck!

3086 Highway 16, Terrace, B.C.

Ph: 635-6375

Try Your Luck!

3086 Highway 16, Terrace, B.C.

Ph: 635-6375

Try Your Luck!

3086 Highway 16, Terrace, B.C.

Ph: 635-6375

Try Your Luck!

3086 Highway 16, Terrace, B.C.

Ph: 635-6375

Try Your Luck!

3086 Highway 16, Terrace, B.C.

Ph: 635-6375

Try Your Luck!

3086 Highway 16, Terrace, B.C.

Ph: 635-6375

Try Your Luck!

3086 Highway 16, Terrace, B.C.

Ph: 635-6375

Try Your Luck!

3086 Highway 16, Terrace, B.C.

Ph: 635-6375

Try Your Luck!

3086 Highway 16, Terrace, B.C.

Ph: 635-6375

Try Your Luck!

3086 Highway 16, Terrace, B.C.

Ph: 635-6375

Try Your Luck!

3086 Highway 16, Terrace, B.C.

Ph: 635-6375

Try Your Luck!

3086 Highway 16, Terrace, B.C.

Ph: 635-6375

Try Your Luck!

3086 Highway 16, Terrace, B.C.

Ph: 635-6375

Try Your Luck!

3086 Highway 16, Terrace, B.C.

Ph: 635-6375

Try Your Luck!

3086 Highway 16, Terrace, B.C.

Ph: 635-6375

Try Your Luck!

3086 Highway 16, Terrace, B.C.

Ph: 635-6375

Try Your Luck!

3086 Highway 16, Terrace, B.C.

Ph: 635-6375

Try Your Luck!

3086 Highway 16, Terrace, B.C.

Ph: 635-6375

Try Your Luck!

3086 Highway 16, Terrace, B.C.

Ph: 635-6375

Try Your Luck!

3086 Highway 16, Terrace, B.C.

Ph: 635-6375

Try Your Luck!

3086 Highway 16, Terrace, B.C.

Ph: 635-6375

Try Your Luck!

3086 Highway 16, Terrace, B.C.

Ph: 635-6375

Try Your Luck!

3086 Highway 16, Terrace, B.C.

Ph: 635-6375

Try Your Luck!

3086 Highway 16, Terrace, B.C.

Ph: 635-6375

Try Your Luck!

3086 Highway 16, Terrace, B.C.

Ph: 635-6375

Try Your Luck!

3086 Highway 16, Terrace, B.C.

Ph: 635-6375

Try Your Luck!

3086 Highway 16, Terrace, B.C.

Ph: 635-6375

Try Your Luck!

3086 Highway 16, Terrace, B.C.

Ph: 635-6375

Try Your Luck!

3086 Highway 16, Terrace, B.C.

Ph: 635-6375

Try Your Luck!

3086 Highway 16, Terrace, B.C.

Ph: 635-6375

Try Your Luck!

3086 Highway 16, Terrace, B.C.

Ph: 635-6375

Try Your Luck!

3086 Highway 16, Terrace, B.C.

Ph: 635-6375

Try Your Luck!

3086 Highway 16, Terrace, B.C.

Ph: 635-6375

Try Your Luck!

3086 Highway 16, Terrace, B.C.

Ph: 635-6375

Try Your Luck!

3086 Highway 16, Terrace, B.C.

Ph: 635-6375

Try Your Luck!

3086 Highway 16, Terrace, B.C.

Ph: 635-6375

Try Your Luck!

3086 Highway 16, Terrace, B.C.

Ph: 635-6375

Try Your Luck!

3086 Highway 16, Terrace, B.C.

Ph: 635-6375

Try Your Luck!

3086 Highway 16, Terrace, B.C.

Ph: 635-6375

Try Your Luck!

3086 Highway 16, Terrace, B.C.

Ph: 635-6375

Try Your Luck!

3086 Highway 16, Terrace, B.C.

Ph: 635-6375

Try Your Luck!

3086 Highway 16, Terrace, B.C.

Ph: 635-6375

Try Your Luck!

3086 Highway 16, Terrace, B.C.

Ph: 635-6375

Try Your Luck!

3086 Highway 16, Terrace, B.C.

Ph: 635-6375

Try Your Luck!

3086 Highway 16, Terrace, B.C.

Ph: 635-6375

Try Your Luck!

3086 Highway 16, Terrace, B.C.

Ph: 635-6375

Try Your Luck!

3086 Highway 16, Terrace, B.C.

Ph: 635-6375

Try Your Luck!

3086 Highway 16, Terrace, B.C.

Ph: 635-6375

Try Your Luck!

3086 Highway 16, Terrace, B.C.

Ph: 635-6375

Try Your Luck!

3086 Highway 16, Terrace, B.C.

Ph: 635-6375

Try Your Luck!

3086 Highway 16, Terrace, B.C.

Ph: 635-6375

Try Your Luck!

3086 Highway 16, Terrace, B.C.

Ph: 635-6375

Try Your Luck!

3086 Highway 16, Terrace, B.C.

Ph: 635-6375

Try Your Luck!

3086 Highway 16, Terrace, B.C.

Ph: 635-6375

Try Your Luck!

3086 Highway 16, Terrace, B.C.

Ph: 635-6375

Try Your Luck!

3086 Highway 16, Terrace, B.C.

Canfor chair to be next UNBC chancellor

THE CHAIR of Canfor, one of the province's major forest products companies, is to be the next chancellor of the University of Northern British Columbia.

Peter Bentley will be the institution's third Chancellor and was elected by eligible university voters this fall.

Bentley follows current chancellor George Pedersen and founding chancellor Iona Campagnolo, now B.C.'s Lieutenant Governor. Each served six years in the position.

"The job UNBC is doing far exceeds anyone's expectations when the university was launched,"

said Bentley. "It possesses a magnificent and growing campus, it has great leadership and it has a first-class faculty and an eager and enthusiastic student body."

Bentley became executive vice president of Canfor in 1970, its president in 1975 and chairman and CEO in 1985, a position he held until 1995.

He is also past chairman of the B.C. Business Council. Bentley will be officially installed at UNBC's May 2004 convocation ceremony.

The chancellor is the ceremonial head of the university, conferring degrees and acting as the senior representative of the university.



Peter Bentley

senior representative of the university.

Letter thieves sought

By SARAH A. ZIMMERMAN

LOCAL police are trying to nab post office box bandits who are stealing financial information belonging to small businesses in the Terrace area.

In the past month, several Canada Post mail boxes have been the target of thieves pilfering financial information in an attempt to steal money, police say.

It appears that the thieves try to steal bill payment cheques sent by small businesses, bring them to a bank in an effort to pay the bill and withdraw cash at the same time. Those attempts to withdraw money were thwarted by attentive bank tellers, police say.

Police believe other recent frauds may be related to the ongoing investigations into the letter thefts.

The letters are believed to have originated from three different red postal boxes - one each in the horseshoe, on the bench and downtown. In at least one case stolen mail was found dumped some-

where else.

"They are happening at night between pick-up times - the evening pick-up and the next day," Cnst. James Bos says.

Police are warning area business owners to carefully monitor their chequing accounts for any suspicious activities or anomalies in balances.

"Try to put your mail in a mailbox just before pick-up," suggests Bob Taylor, a spokesperson for Canada Post, adding every post box has clearing times printed on them. "Mail that is left in mail boxes over night tends to be the mail that's targeted."

Alternatively, anyone sending sensitive information through the mail should go directly to the main post office or a designated outlet to send it.

If anyone sees someone tampering with a mail box they are asked to contact police immediately. Anyone with information about these thefts to contact Terrace RCMP at 638-7400.

1st official event of the "Year of the Kermodei"

Kermodei Bear Swim

the Mix TERRACE-KITIMAT PRINCE RUPERT STANDARD

2004

Jump is on January 1st, 2004 at Kinsmen Kiddies Camp at 1:00 pm, 1st Avenue Lakelse Lake

Pledge Forms available at Misty River Books

Want A Photo?

Did you see a photo in the paper that you want a copy of? The Terrace Standard along with Northern Photo Ltd. now provides this service. Come into our office located at 3210 Clinton Street and indicate the photo of your choice and size.

4"x6" 5"x7" Other sizes available. Phone for pricing. Price includes printing fee from Northern Photo and purchasing fee from the Terrace Standard. All photographs are copyrighted to the Terrace Standard.

(Note: 90% of photos taken are digital photos of high quality jpeg. Black and white prints also available from black and white negatives.)

northern photo
"Your Headquarters For Digital Cameras And Digital Imaging Services"
4-4736 Lakelse Avenue



STANDARD
Ph: 638-7283 Fax: 638-8432

Terrace's Flyers

Don't miss these flyers in today's newspaper!

LONDON DRUGS

Nobody does it better®



Zellers

SHOPPERS DRUG MART

SAAN
SAAN STORES CANADA

CompuSmart
OPERATED BY Electronic Futures
Trust the technology experts



We are open Christmas Day!

AT DENNY'S, WE ARE ALWAYS OPEN TO SERVE YOU BETTER. COME BY AND VISIT US ON CHRISTMAS DAY (UNTIL 3:00 PM, AND OPEN AGAIN AT 6:00 AM ON BOXING DAY). WE'LL BE HAPPY TO SEE YOU.

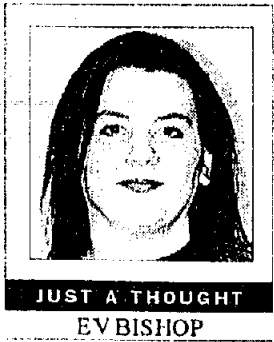
Terrence: 4828 Hwy 16 West / Prince George: 1850 Central St. / Quesnel: 940 Chew Avenue N
Williams Lake: 654 Oliver St. / Grand Prairie: 9805 100th St



JENNIFER LANG

COMMUNITY

638-7283

JUST A THOUGHT
EV BISHOP

Just say, 'Thank you'

THE OTHER day as I was walking with my two kids and our dog, I ran into an old time acquaintance of mine. We exchanged hellos and she said, "Figures. You even have a cute dog."

I replied, "Oh sure, he's cute now."

I guess I sounded negative because she jokingly (?) reprimanded me for how I talk about my dog and went on her way. She was out of earshot for my affirming doggie comment, "Yeah, he is a really nice dog."

My daughter then blasted me, "You're soooo mean!"

I was confused. What? Me, mean? Well, yes... occasionally. But when was I mean just then? "What are you talking about?" I finally asked.

"Poor Challenge," she crooned in his direction before turning to me accusingly, "You said 'Oh, yeah, he's cute now,' [her impression of my voice is a scary thing.] making it sound like he's always really bad and terrible or something."

"That's not what I meant. Plus then I said he was really nice."

"Yeah when she couldn't hear you anymore."

"Well, what exactly was I supposed to say? Should I have said, 'Of course my dog's cute! My kids are cute. My husband's cute. My house is cute. I am cute. My boot is cute?'"

My daughter, apparently sick of her mother, interrupted me impatiently and, in a tone conveying that she thought I should know better than to act the way I do, said, "You could have said, thank-you."

I answered the only way I could. (Drat!) "You're right." This little walking/talking/dog compliment episode nailed home a truth that's been sneaking up on me. I'm terrible at taking a compliment. I always feel unworthy. Slightly embarrassed. Like nice things about me couldn't possibly be true (or if they are, I can't be so arrogant as to appear to know they are by saying thanks) so I joke the words away, dismiss them or demolish the very possibility that the comment could be true.

I'm not the only one who can't take a compliment. It seems to be a common affliction. I go to a weight loss support group (Oh that was fun to say in print. Not!) and the wonderful women there are prime examples of people who fall in the unable to take a compliment category. (Sorry all!)

This exact topic came up a few meetings ago. Someone had complimented a woman's outfit and said she looked great. The woman's response? "Oh yeah right, looking great with my big fat belly hanging out!"

To her credit, she bemoaned her reply. "What is wrong with me? Why couldn't I just say thank you and leave it at that?"

Why is it so hard for us to simply say thank you? Let's practice:

"This is delicious. You must've slaved all day."

"Thank you." (NOT: "Oh no, it was nothing, anyone can make a flambé, the dog can make a flambé!")

"You look great today."

"Thanks, I'm feeling great today." (NOT: "Are you crazy? I've gained 10 pounds and my hair looks like the cat messed in it and my skin's flaring up.")

"You did a great job on that."

"Thanks." (NOT: "What me? It's a terrible job! Are you blind? Don't you see that invisible to the human eye screw-up?")

"That's a beautiful outfit!"

"Thanks!" (NOT: "Doesn't it make me look like whale?") Some of our inability to say thank you might come from insecurity. We really want the affirming words spoken to us to be true but we're afraid they're not. We hope that if we deny them or question them, the speaker will further validate us.

There are two flaws in the above line of thought. First, until we accept ourselves with all our limitations and strengths, all the affirming words in the world won't make us feel any better about ourselves.

Second, most people who've just complimented you and had their words thrown back in their face feel slighted, like you've just said that they don't know looking good, nice clothes, good food or good work when they see it. They will probably decide that complimenting you is pointless and they will learn to keep their (nice) observations about you to themselves.

Let's believe that most people mean what they say. Let's learn to be thankful for who we are and appreciative of the things people notice about us. With a bit of practice, we should be able to say thank you for a compliment graciously, without blushing or denial.

I'll go first. You say, "Thank you for this column. I appreciated reading the end of it."

I say, "Thank you. I think."

Striking the right balance

Elks Canada's president outlines his plan for attracting new members

By JENNIFER LANG

CHANGE IS never easy, but it's vital to the survival of Canada's largest fraternal organization, says Wayne Herod, the national president of Elks Canada.

The benevolent and protective order is by no means alone when it comes to remaining relevant to communities, says Herod, who's half-way through his current one-year term as president – a job that carries the title of Exalted Ruler.

He's chosen the phrase "The Courage to Accept Change" as this year's theme.

Service clubs, charities and non-profits are all competing for a shrinking pool of volunteer members, partly because families have less time to spare for outside interests, he says.

And he should know: in addition to the Elks, Herod holds current memberships in the Masons, Eastern Star, is a past Rotarian and sits on Vanderhoof's chamber

of commerce.

The good news is surveys show Canadians are willing to volunteer 16.7 hours a month.

"Most everybody wants to contribute to the welfare of their community," Herod says. "We want to make ourselves as desirable as possible."

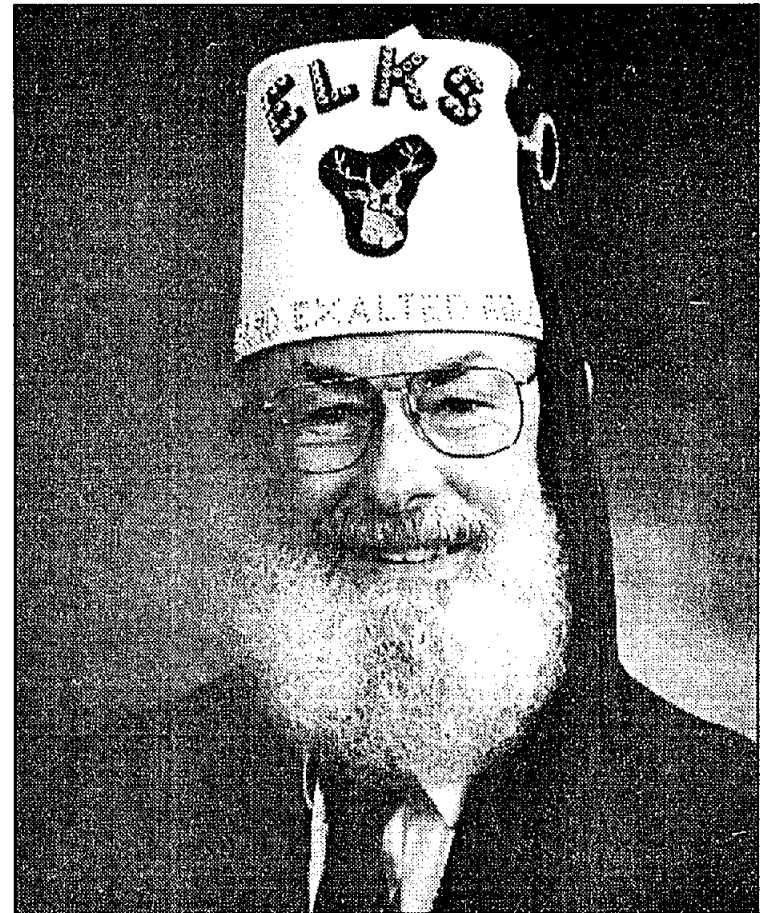
The challenge for Canada's 300 Elks lodges is to adapt and evolve to remain relevant.

The national executive has paved the way by giving individual lodges flexibility in how they operate.

"We find that the lodges that are doing this adapting thing are getting more members," he says. "This increases your ability to assist your community."

Elks lodges are already meeting the challenge.

Some, like Herod's home lodge in Vanderhoof, are happily breaking with 91 years of tradition by wearing street clothes to bimonth-



FORMAL WEAR: Wayne Herod says the Vanderhoof Elks only wear their fezzes and purple uniforms on formal occasions.

ly meetings, appearing in the trademark purple fezzes and white regalia on formal occasions only.

Others are opening their doors to women. Herod sat on the national committee that brought the question to a referendum that passed with a two-thirds majority.

Now, some 900 women across the country have joined the ranks of the Elks. Some have risen to provincial executive positions.

Other lodges are content to follow time-honoured rules.

Lodge No. 425 in Terrace, for

example, is still a male-only lodge. Members point out that's because Terrace has such a strong Royal Purple organization, which also raises thousands of dollars for charity.

It's up to the community.

"We've always envisioned that all lodges would be the same and all our communities act the same," Herod said during an official visit here. "I feel that we should adapt to whatever the communities would like us to be."

Continued on Page A15



NO STRANGER TO TERRACE: Dr. Judith Lapadat has taught university courses in Terrace. She's also exhibited paintings here. JENNIFER LANG PHOTO

New UNBC chair has long roots in the north

By JENNIFER LANG

JUDITH LAPADAT, a Smithers born and raised poet, university instructor and speech and language pathologist, now has another accomplishment to add to her already impressive list of credits.

She's been named the University of Northern B.C.'s top administrator for the northwest region.

Her appointment in late November as regional chair ended a recruitment search that took months and spanned the globe.

"We've had applications for this position from around the world – literally," Dennis Macknak, UNBC director of regional operations told faculty and guests last month in Terrace. "And we've found someone from within the region."

Lapadat has been at UNBC from its beginning, he said. "We're happy that she's returning to the region."

She seems happy about it too.

In a recent interview with the *Terrace Standard*, the mother of three described said she was looking forward to working with colleagues and students here.

"It's a complex, multi-dimensional region," she said. "I think my first step is to talk to people and listen to what they tell me."

Terrace's UNBC campus functions as a regional campus for other communities.

As with her predecessor, Lapadat will be based in Terrace. She takes over in July, giving her time to complete professional commitments back in Prince George where she's an associate instructor of education.

"I have long roots in the northwest," she said, pointing out she's no stranger to Terrace.

She taught her first course in Terrace in the summer of 1996, and has returned on a professional basis several times since then.

As regional chair, her goal is to strengthen existing programs and continue developing new ones, including the planned bachelor of nursing program for Terrace, a joint-UNBC-Northwest Community College program that's in the works for Terrace.

"Having grown up here in Smithers, I can remember how restrictive the opportunities were in those days. In those days, if you wanted to go to university, there was only the ones down south."

When UNBC opened in 1994, "there was a big pent up demand" among northern post-secondary students.

In its regional offerings, UNBC has concentrated on professional programs for education, social work and nursing, areas that find recruiting difficult.

"It's hard to get and keep people in the north. If you train people in the north, they'll stay in the north."

It's a five-year appointment. She plans to continue teaching and working on her research projects. Her area of expertise is classroom learning and childhood education.

She's also a published author. Her latest work is *Mixed Messages*, a book of poetry published by Caitlin Press.

Lapadat is a painter, too. Her vibrant, colourful landscapes have been featured in group and solo exhibits, including one at the Terrace Art Gallery in 1999.

Nine of her paintings are exhibited at *Reflections on Water*, UNBC's on-line literary magazine.

She even finds time to compete in a women's indoor soccer league.

"I think I try to have balance," she smiles, adding she strives to maintain equilibrium between her academic and creative sides.

"It's important for a person to have balance."

Around Town

Help for holiday gloom

TIS THE SEASON to feel blue? If you find the holidays a downer, you're not a humbug. Many people in northern B.C. and elsewhere feel depressed at this time of year, says Northern Health.

The December holiday season can often increase feelings of anxiety, sadness and despair, even in people with no previous history of depression or mental illness. Extra household tasks like decorating, preparing events and entertaining add pressure, as do financial constraints, house guests, and being separated from loved ones.

Don't suffer alone. Get help. Northwest residents can call the Crisis Centre for northern B.C. during the holiday period. The confidential, 24-hour information line is toll free: 1-877-562-1214.

Loneliness and feelings of failure can be especially intensified at this time of year, particularly for people who are isolated, says Beth Ann Derksen of Mental Health Community Response.

To make Christmas less stressful, remember to take time for yourself, don't drink to excess (alcohol is a depressant), take in a free festive event like viewing light displays, if you know someone who is alone, invite them over, and finally, remember it's OK to be sad; holiday cheer doesn't automatically make these feelings go away.

Craft sale donation

GERALDINE Robinson, organizer of the recent Kitsumkalum Craft Fair, recently presented the Terrace Transition House with \$260.71 – proceeds from door prize sales. The money goes to Ksan House Society's transition house building fund.

Robinson says the door prizes were contributed by exhibitors, who were kind enough to make donations from their own craft tables. Tickets were 50 cents each.

The craft fair takes place on the first Saturday of December. The number of exhibitors continue to grow. Nearly 60 craft tables were set up this year. Dawn Milton and Robinson's two daughters helped organize the door prizes and sold tickets. Milton, assistant craft fair organizer, also did set up, decorating, and planning for the event.

Last year's door prize sales raised \$327 for the Terrace emergency shelter.

Prize winners named

MEMBERS OF Terrace's Sacred Heart Catholic Women's League have drawn the winners in their recent raffle. First prize goes to Teresa Rego of Kitimat. She wins a 27-inch television in the draw, held at the CWL's Christmas dinner Dec. 10.

Second prize is a queen's clock won by Loretta Kuemper of Terrace. Dina Derochers is the third prize recipient. She wins a wall hanging.

Fourth prize, an Afghan, goes to Ora Hansen wins an Afghan, and finally, Teresa Degrand wins a \$100 gift certificate from Save-On-Foods. The CWL would like to thank everyone who purchased tickets and to everyone who brought along clothing apparel for the Transition House.

Airport looks for new truck

AIRPORT OFFICIALS have started to look for a crash, fire, rescue truck to meet federal requirements coming into effect next June.

Northwest Regional Airport manager Laurie Brown estimates the truck, capable of spreading foam and other fire-fighting material, will cost between \$300,000 and \$350,000.

It has already received an estimate from one firm and is awaiting for a response from another.

While the federal government will pick up the purchase and initial material cost, as well as constructing a facility in which to house the vehicle, the airport will have to cover the cost of people to man it and subsequent supply expenses, he said.

"If we look at a contractor already at the airport, the staff cost could be \$10,000 to \$15,000 a year," said Brown. "But if we go to a bid on a contract, it would be considerably more. Essentially, we might need three people here," Brown added.

Those new federal requirements call for a fire-fighting vehicle to be at the mid-point of the airport's main runway within five minutes of being called out.

That time constraint removes the option of the airport striking an agreement with local fire departments, said Brown.

The airport here once had its own fire-fighting crew and two large fire trucks, but the crew was laid off and the trucks disposed of in the late 1990s when the federal government decided smaller airports no longer needed fire-fighting resources.

That happened at the same time as the federal government was turning over its airports to local authorities such as the one which now runs the airport here.

But the federal government quickly changed its mind after a disaster involving the crash-landing of a passenger aircraft at the Fredericton, New Brunswick airport.

Plant protected

THE CITY has set aside \$650,000 to reinforce the north bank of the Skeena River to protect the sewage treatment plant.

City officials say the project involves building a groyne - a point of rock jutting 80 metres upstream into the river at a 45 degree angle.

It is expected to slow the river in the affected area, reducing erosion, said development services director Marvin Kwiatkowski.

He said crews will also place rock to armour at least 400 metres of the bank south and east of the sewage lagoons.

The work needs to be done in January and February to avoid damage to fish habitat, Kwiatkowski said.

Increased erosion near the treatment plant in recent years has prompted the city to closely monitor the hydrology of the river.

Up to 20 metres of the bank has been disappearing per year.

If nothing is done, council has been told, the river will eventually punch a new channel destroying the sewage lagoons and threatening Graham Ave. homes.

Kwiatkowski said Fisheries and Oceans Canada favours using groynes to control erosion because they also increase fish habitat along the shore by creating slow water areas.



THIS ACCIDENT could have had far worse consequences had the occupants not been wearing seatbelts. PHOTO COURTESY TERRACE FIRE DEPT.

Seatbelt saved lives

SEAT BELTS likely saved the lives of two Prince Rupert residents who were in a single vehicle roll-over near Terrace last week, police say.

The couple, in their late 50s, were heading east toward Terrace when they lost control, hit a bank of snow and flipped onto the roof of their truck.

The Dec. 17 accident happened at 9:50 a.m., just 34 km west of Terrace near Salvus. The 2003 Dodge pickup truck sustained serious damage but the two occupants managed to escape with

minor injuries police say.

Both occupants were wearing their seat belts. "It prevented them from getting any type of major injuries," says Terrace RCMP Cst. Kelly Martin. "It pretty much saved their lives because the truck was pretty damaged."

The driver was issued a \$144 violation ticket for driving too fast for road conditions. Martin says the road was well maintained and had been sanded and salted just earlier.

Kidney disease strikes families, not only individuals.
When a Kidney Foundation volunteer knocks on your door, please give generously.
THE KIDNEY FOUNDATION OF CANADA
www.kidney.ca

FABRICLAND

Boxing Week

GUTERMANN THREAD
100m Polyester
Reg. 1.78 ea. *Members
Buy 1 Get 2 Free

2003 Expiry Sewing Club Members!
LAST CHANCE TO RENEW AT A SAVINGS!

SALE STARTS SATURDAY, DEC. 27TH
Closed Christmas & Boxing Day

FUN FAKE FUR All In Store Stock! 50% OFF Reg. Price *Members	FELT All In Store Stock! Including Plush & Shaggy Felt! 40% OFF Reg. Price *Members	CHRISTMAS FABRICS Prints, Quilts & Tabling All Remaining Stock. 60% OFF Reg. Price *Members
FASHION & HOME DECOR All In Store Stock! 40-70% OFF Reg. Price *Members	FLEECE & BERBERS All In Store Stock! 40-70% OFF Reg. Price *Members	QUILTING FABRICS Great Selection Of 40-50% OFF Reg. Price *Members

*Refers to Fabricland Sewing Club Members

FABRICLAND

#117-4717 Lakelse, Terrace
Phone Orders Welcome
635-5315

HOURS: Mon. - Thurs. 9:30 - 5:30
Friday 9:30 - 9:00
Saturday 9:30 - 5:30

THIS SORT OF SALE
IS FOR ALL THE PENNY
PINCHING, GRINCH *saving,*
HANDS-ON-THE-WALLET-AT ALL-TIMES
 tightwad - CHEAPSKATE - **SCROOGE**
KIND OF SHOPPERS WHO LIKE TO SAVE
HUGE ON QUALITY FURNITURE & Appliances!
3 DAY YEAR END
INSTORE EVERYTHINGS
GOTTA-GO CLEARANCE SALE

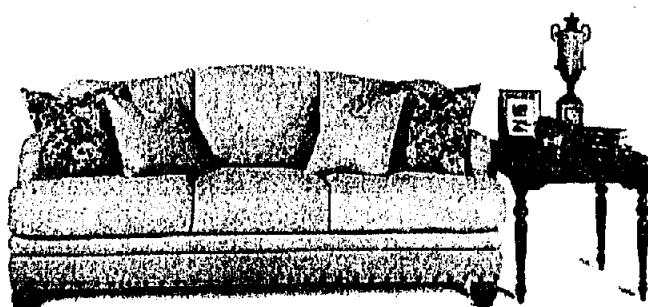
LA-Z-BOY FURNITURE & RECLINERS • SIMMONS & SPRINGWALL CHIROPRACTIC BEDS • MAYTAG & GE APPLIANCES • ALL KITCHEN & DINING ROOM SETS • ALL COFFEE & END TABLE SETS
ALL CURIOS & ENTERTAINMENT STANDS • ALL LAMPS, PICTURES & ACCESSORIES

Extended Payment Terms - Don't Pay For Six Months! ^{OAC} - No Holds Please, First Come First Served!

STARTS THIS MONDAY, DEC. 29TH • 9AM

WE WILL BE CLOSED SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27TH IN PREPARATION FOR THIS FABULOUS EVENT!

TOTEM FURNITURE & APPLIANCES
4501 Lakelse Ave., Terrace, B.C.
638-1158 • 1-800-813-1158



THREE DAYS ONLY!
Mon., Dec. 29th • 10 am - 6 pm
Tue., Dec. 30th • 10 am - 6 pm
Wed., Dec. 31st • 10 am - 4 pm



BACK FOR SECONDS: Two hungry Cassie Hall students get Grade 7 teacher Pam Kawinsky, seen here wearing her bath robe, to pour syrup on their pancakes. Ham and fruit juice were also on the menu. JENNIFER LANG PHOTO

Early risers in PJs serve morning meal

By JENNIFER LANG
HOW DO you serve a hot pancake breakfast for 246 Cassie Hall Elementary students?

Simple - you get up early, and you have a lot of help, Pam Kawinsky says.

The Grade 7 teacher organized the school's first-ever pancake breakfast as a way to show appreciation for the students.

On Dec. 17, the school's gym was filled with hundreds of students who eagerly lined up to be served by teachers, teaching assistants and some parents. Nearly everybody followed the dress code: wear your P.J.s, please.

"We had a lot of cooperation from teachers," Kawinsky said as students seated at one of the dozens of tables in the gym tucked into plates loaded with pancakes and syrup, and tasty slices of ham. They washed their breakfast feast down with juice. Many came back for seconds.

One class designed place mats printed with fun activities. Food preparation began early. Some teachers cooked a ham to bring. Others, like Kawinsky, were on pancake duty.

"I've been up since 5 a.m.," she smiled. "I made some at home and some here."

From A13

Open to non-members

Elks meetings have been opened up to non-members, so people who would like to find out more about the order can attend - with no strings attached.

And volunteers are encouraged to help out with specific projects - like the annual Riverside music festival organized by the Terrace Elks and Royal Purple - without having to actually join.

"If we try to adapt, we're going to find a happy balance between tradition and the new. That's going to get us new members and satisfy the existing membership and the public."

What's at stake is the future of a community service and fundraising projects supported by Elks. Consider this:

Elks Lodges across Canada injected \$5.4 million into their communities last year.

The Terrace lodge, founded Oct. 6, 1957, donates thousands of dollars to the community.

In November of this year, it donated more than \$13,000 to various charitable causes, with more than \$8,000 distributed locally.

Last year, the Terrace lodge donated more than any other in the province to the Elks and Royal Purple Fund for Children, a charity providing personal assistance to children with special needs, particularly those with speech or hearing difficulties.

"We've drawn \$28,000 from the fund for assistance of children in

Terrace," said Elk Jim Leclair. "This year, because of the economic downturn, things have multiplied."

Meanwhile, Herod says the Elk's vision statement - becoming a progressive family-focused organization meeting community and member needs - is an important goal to keep in sight.

But "having fun" is part of the equation, too.

Lodges organize a host of social events - dances, parties and other activities. Members can compete in curling, bowling and darts at various local, regional and provincial levels.

The B.C. Elks run four children's camps, including Elknest in Prince George, that are available to groups.

Kidney disease strikes families, not only individuals.
When a Kidney Foundation volunteer knocks on your door, please give generously.
THE KIDNEY FOUNDATION OF CANADA
www.kidney.ca

We're Open!
Happy BOXING DAY
Friday, Dec. 26th
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
SEARS
AUTHORIZED DEALER STORE
3228 Kalum Street, Terrace

NOTICE
The Terrace Landfill Site
WILL BE CLOSED
NEW YEAR'S DAY
Thursday, January 1, 2004
Normal Hours Will Resume
Friday, January 2, 2004

Hanky's NEW YEAR'S BASH!
No Cover Charge!
Open Until 4 a.m.
DRINK SPECIAL
New Year's Eve **BLASTER**
\$4.00 each plus tax
- MIDNIGHT MUNCHIES! -
LICENCED LIQUOR STORE
OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK
for all your Christmas Beverage Needs!
The Coast Inn of the West
1681 Hazel Ave. Terrace
638-8141

Find Us @
TERRACE CHRYSLER **TERRACE TOYOTA**
www.terraceautomall.com
Contact Us @
TERRACE CHRYSLER **TERRACE TOYOTA**
info@terraceautomall.com
STANDARD
advertising@terracestandard.com
newsroom@terracestandard.com
Your website/email address could be here!
Contact us at 638-7283

AUDITIONS
Sharon Rainey-Baker and Brent Nixon are holding auditions on **January 6th and 8th at 7:30pm** at the McColl playhouse for...
Jeffrey Hatcher's Three Viewings
A delightful but dark 3-act comedy set in a funeral home. Featuring three individuals dealing with death, the play builds to a life-affirming message.
Roles are available for **1 man and 2 women** that will play at the McColl Playhouse.
April 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16 and 17th, 2004
Rated Mature
the **Mix** Our official ticket outlet is **UNIQUE**
TERRACE KIMAT PRINCE RUPERT VISIT mytlt.ca **Courtesy Travel**
4718A Lazelle Ave

\$100 MERCHANDISE CERTIFICATE
VALID MON., DEC. 29 TO WED., DEC 31, 2003
Only on a minimum purchase of \$1000* of regular, sale or clearance priced merchandise.
Offer excludes cosmetics and prestige fragrances, national brand major appliances, Gift Card Certificate and Merchandise Certificate purchases and account payments. Offer valid on in-stock merchandise at Sears Retail stores, Sears Furniture & Appliances stores and Sears Home stores. Excludes Sears Outlet/Liquidation stores, Catalogue and website purchases. One certificate per customer purchase. Certificate must be surrendered upon use. *Before taxes. Applicable taxes will be applied to the full purchase amount. Sales Associate: tender as merchandise certificate. To hand key, use merchandise certificate code 10100.
PAY NOTHING 'TIL YEAR 2005
SEARS
AUTHORIZED DEALER STORE
3110 Kalum Street, Terrace • 635-6541
We're Open Boxing Day Dec. 26th 10am-5pm

HURRY IN NOW!
Hey, Baby!
Fill out this entry form & return it with picture for only \$20.00 (incl. GST).
All photos can be picked up after February 27, 2004.
Beautiful Babies Of 2003!
Put your baby's picture in the **Beautiful Babies 2004 Special Edition!**
Entry Deadline **JANUARY 28th**
Don't Miss Out!
We will be accepting pictures of your babies to put into our popular pull-out supplement celebrating the babies born between January 2003 to December 31, 2003.
3210 Clinton St. Terrace, B.C. V8G 5R2
2004 Baby Edition
Family Name: _____
Baby's 1st Name: _____
Baby's Birth Date: _____
Age of baby in pic: _____
Mom's 1st Name: _____
Dad's 1st Name: _____
Address: _____
Postal Code: _____
Telephone: _____
A Wonderful Keepsake For Your Precious Baby
STANDARD
3210 Clinton St., Terrace, B.C. V8G 5R2
Contact Debbie at 638-7283

SPORTS

SARAH A. ZIMMERMAN

638-7283

SKEENA ANGLER
ROB BROWN

Last minute gift ideas

IF YOU'RE casting around for a Christmas gift for the sportsman, sportswoman, or sportskid in your life, I've come to your rescue with my tenth annual giftmas suggestions.

But first, let me make it clear that I'm old enough to have witnessed the first shopping malls sprout like fungi in the wet soil of this province's lower mainland. I didn't like them then and I'm uncomfortable in them now.

As for the big boxes, those mammoth, conformist temples of consumption, I cringe before them, awe struck and unwilling to enter for fear that in so doing I may, unknowingly become a participant in something that may some day be the downfall of us all.

That's right, I'm the old fudd who goes from small shop to small shop, browsing through the unfranchised goods of that endangered species known as the small businessman, and I'm here to tell you that there are treasures there and a rare commodity called service - not assembly line service, but the kind where the clerks do their best to see you're happy and genuinely mean it when they ask how you are or wish you a good day.

My first stop of the season was at Misty River Books where I found three copies of Challenge of the Wilderness by George Tomlinson nestled among a large collection of books about the history of Terrace and the north coast. George Tomlinson is the grandson of Robert Tomlinson Sr., one of the first missionaries to settle in this area, and the founder of Meensknisht, a pioneering village that occupied the area now known as Cedarvale.

Tomlinson doesn't pretend to be a great historian, but the adventures of his ancestors and their neighbours are so compelling it's hard to put the book down.

On the shelf above Tomlinson's opus I found Notes from the Century Before, Arthur Hoagland's diary of his stay in Telegraph Creek, Hazelton and points between during the sixties. It's a wonderful book full of great scenes and rhythmic writing that will appeal to anyone who spends a lot of time in the wilderness or dreams about doing so.

At Redwing Shoes, Pat MacDonald has a selection of outdoor socks you won't believe. She also carries Yak Trax, a steel and rubber grid that straps over your shoes and helps keep you standing when the highways and byways are as slick as centre ice at GM Place. And, if you want something unique, utilitarian and beautiful, Pat has scarves she and Trudy Rafuse weave.

At the North Coast Sportsman the Murrys have a fine deal on Sage outfits for beginning fly fishers. They also carry Tilley hats, including the model I wear in the picture on the left and a new ball cap model. For anglers, Tilley is the best skypiece, and, what's more, if you wreck one (very hard to do) they'll replace it free.

Benson's Optical sells Solar Shades, fabulous polarized sunglasses that fit over regular specs. Not only do these glasses protect fishers from the cataract-causing glare of the water, Solar Shades have polarized panels on the side that enable you to penetrate the secrets of the depths better than any other sun glasses I've used.

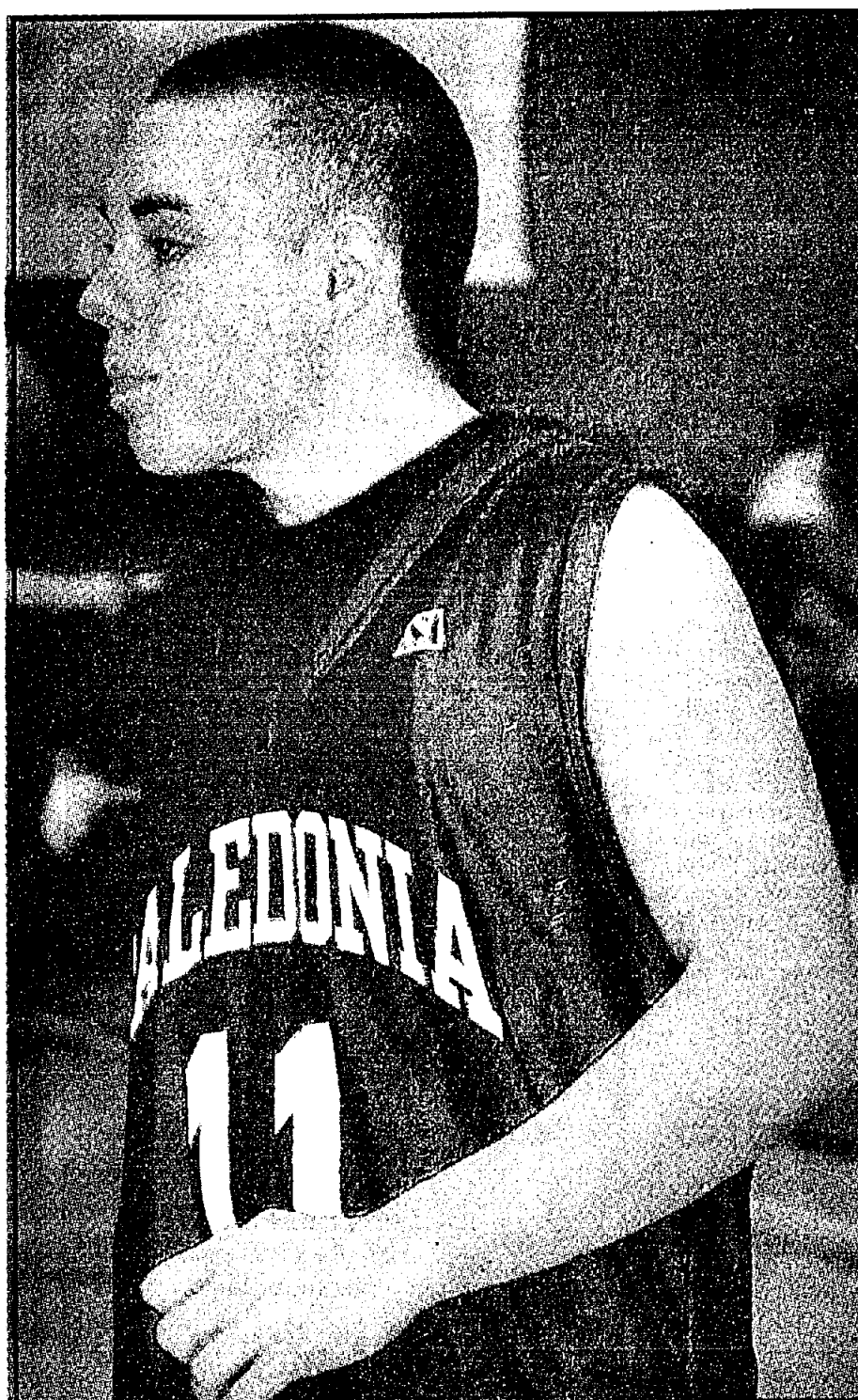
The Misty River Tackle Shop on Agar had an incredible variety of outdoor merchandise suitable for gift giving or stocking stuffing. This summer, my sister-in-law took her family and ours to the wilds of Deer Lake in Burnaby to hear the Vancouver Symphony. Over her shoulder she carried a bag with a built-in cooler full of food and compartments containing the cutlery and dinnerware for the sumptuous meal we proceeded to eat. They have a similar portable cooler and dinnerware set at Misty River. This is just the thing for camping or a summer fishing excursion with the family.

Every shelf at Misty River had something that would make a nice little gift. If you're adverse to disposable plastic, like I am, the refillable windproof butane lighter made by Iroda is ideal, especially for setting a fire or lighting a hand warmer on a winter outing.

The Martin classic fly box with a hemostat pin reel, and clippers on one side and place for flies on the other is another neat contraption to fill a stocking. The Head Cement System made by Loon Outdoors, a dispenser keeps toxic fumes and spillage to a minimum, is just the thing for the rabid fly tier. Misty River has it too, along with a dizzying array of gear for the drift or spin fisher.

Fish Tales Tackle carries Patagonia outdoor wear - incredibly good stuff. And all three tackle shops are staffed with really knowledgeable staff to help ease your gift buying stress.

Merry Christmas, eh.



On the court

CALEDONIA KERMODE Lee Johnson has been a sharpshooter for the team in AAA high school basketball action this season, including strong performances from three-point territory. SARAH A. ZIMMERMAN PHOTO.

Flaherty in Swiss tourney

Goalie makes Spengler team

FORMER TERRACE resident Wade Flaherty is off to play goal for Canada's entry in this year's Spengler Cup tournament taking place in Davos, Switzerland.

Flaherty is 6-2-1 with the American Hockey League's Milwaukee Admirals this year, posting a 1.88 goals against average and a .929 save percentage.

During 120 games in the National Hockey League with San Jose, the New York Islanders, Tampa Bay, Florida and Nashville, Flaherty is 27-56-9 with a 3.51 goals against average.

The tournament takes place Dec. 26-31 and the Canadian team is the defending champion from last year's contest.

Also on the team are ex-Canucks Dixon Ward and Lonny Bohonos as well as Jeff Shantz and Sebastian Bordeleau. A good number of the team plays in Switzerland's Elite League.

Veteran broadcaster Gary Green is Canada's head coach. He was also coached the NHL's Washington Capitals from 1979 to 1981.

Cross country ski trail conditions excellent

CROSS COUNTRY skiers from 12 noon - 4 p.m.

The open house gives newcomers and veterans alike a chance to tour the trails for free, take advantage of some instruction and discounted ski rentals are also available.

There's more than a metre of snow out there," says Snow Valley Nordic Ski Club spokesman Mark Forgie. He and other club members are gearing up for the annual open house held at the trails Jan. 3 from 5-10 p.m. nightly.

Terrace atoms take third in Smithers

Contributed

TERRACE ATOM division's Acadia Northwest went to Smithers for a house tournament Dec. 13-14.

With 11 players and three games to play in the first day, they came out in full force against the Hazelton Bulldogs.

Goalie Bradley Duarte picked up a shutout on the way to a 10-0 victory over the Bulldogs.

Dawson Leblond and Brandon Stella each notched a pair goals, with singles coming from Bret Atkins, Katie Wraight, Kyle Gray, Zach Anderson, Jason Vandeveld and Kody Keller.

Game two proved to be a much harder and more closely matched game with Kyle Gray in goal against Smithers' Hoskins Ford.

The game ended in a 3-3 tie with Brandon

Stella getting a hat trick for the team's goals.

The last of the three games of the day were against Smithers Credit Union.

The team had to play hard, fast and aggressive hockey.

Bradly Duarte played goal and yet another game ended in a 4-4 tie, with goals being scored by Jason Vandeveld and a hat trick from Dawson Leblond.

With two ties and a win, Acadia placed second in their division and were heading for the playoffs the next day.

Kyle Gray played in goal for the playoff game and was ready from the moment he skated onto the ice.

Acadia was matched with Northcountry Insurance from Smithers, and a match it was.

The score was tight and the clock ran out on regulation time with the two teams even at 2-2. Kyle Patterson and Jason Vandeveld both scored for Terrace.

Gray stayed in goal for the ensuing five-player shootout, and stopped every shot that came his way.

Kyle Gray scored the winning goal for Acadia.

Keller was also named the defenseman of the team for the tournament in honour of Cody Boot, after whom the Memorial Tournament in Smithers is named.

Acadia came home with third-place and memories of a great hockey weekend.

Coaches were Lawrence Stella, Ed Gray and Kevin Patterson.



Grace on blades

CONCENTRATION marks the faces of Kelsey Wilcox (left) and Riley Baverstock (above) last Wednesday as they out figures on the ice of the Terrace Arena. Local figure skaters put their skills on display at the club's annual Christmas show. JEFF NAGEL PHOTO

Season's Greetings

CLASSIFIED PAGES B9-B12

Holiday wishes pour in from across the world

Faraway readers of the Terrace Standard's web site have sent in Christmas greetings to Terrace and their loved ones here.

We received more greetings than space permits us to print. You'll find them all on line at www.terracestandard.com.

Seasons greetings from Halifax! It's been a wonderful year for traveling and enjoying the outdoors. Throw in a hurricane that had us fixing up the outdoors and trying to bring things back to normal. Whenever it is windy outside the kids think it's another hurricane. Still keeping up-to-date with what's happening in Terrace through this paper's website, absence makes the heart grow fonder and realize what a treasure the Skeena Valley is. Hope this note finds you all feeling well, enjoying that mountain air and having a good time with family and friends. Hail and Health!

John, Maria, Kyrant (8) and Lauren (4) McGowan
Halifax, Nova Scotia

Hi everyone. This is Kylie Bird and Megan McAndrew. If you don't know, we are in New Zealand. We spent a month here and fly out on the 23rd to go to Australia (for 8 months). I hear you're all having a very snowy Christmas. It doesn't even feel like Christmas down here, (so that's why no one got Christmas cards from us!) Merry Christmas Terrace!

Kylie Bird and
Megan McAndrew
New Zealand



HAROLD ARMSTRONG's band sends holiday greetings from the United Arab Emirates.

We would like to wish a very Merry Christmas to all of our family and friends back home, especially Mum & Leo - Irene and Leo Mullican.

We left Terrace just over six years ago so that I could pursue post-secondary education, and received my Bachelor of Laws in May from the University of Manitoba. I am now articling in Altona.

I also send greetings on behalf of my sons Samuel, Michael and Jonathan. Mike now lives in Winnipeg with his fiancée Tina. Jonathan and his partner Maureen live in Calgary.

For a look at the Manitoba town of Altona, where we live,

go to www.townofaltona.com.
Much love,

Barbara Johnson
(and Russell Waddell)
Altona, Manitoba

■ More Christmas greetings on page A5.

Merry Christmas from Harold (and Johnny, Daggy, Vlad, Danny, and Randy).

I would love to wish all my family and friends a safe and warm Christmas.

A very special wishes to my daughter Eve Lisa Lynn Mitchell, who I miss very much. And finally the woman who

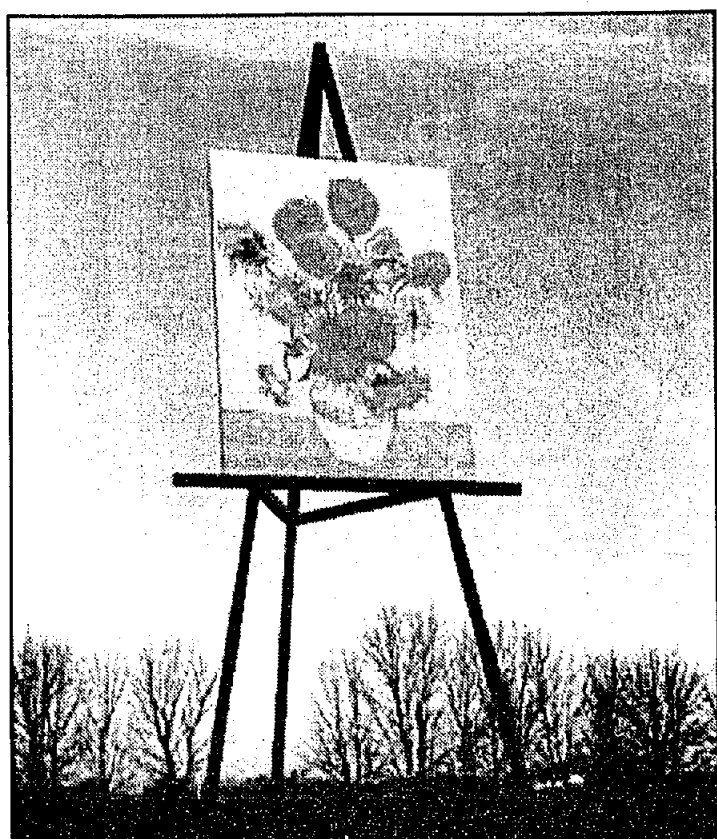
holds my heart and supports my dreams, forever and always part of my soul, Christine Noel Shauer and her daughter Kyana Braun Shauer.

Harold Armstrong
Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Hello. We used to live in Terrace last year and just wanted to send a holiday greeting to our family.

To Dick Pelletier and Family. Just wanted to wish you happy holidays and a wonderful new year.

Miss and love you all!
Joshua, Kyra, Shawn
and Brandon Pelletier
Alberta



BARBARA JOHNSON sent Christmas greetings from Altona, Manitoba, home of the world's largest easel.

I would like to wish my parents Frank and Kay Derksen, my brother Tony and sister Teresa a very merry Christmas and a great new year. I just wish I was there to spend it with you. Also season's greetings to the Black Clan, The Essays, Weebies, Richeys, Longs, Houlens, Condies and the crew at the Back Eddy Pub.

New year's will be quiet without all of you. Have a great holiday season and I will see you all in the new year.
Best wishes

Kelly R. Derksen
Zurich, Switzerland

Although we're shivering here in the frigid Ontario winter, we're in the process of settling into our new home and send our best wishes for the holidays to our friends and health care 'family' in Terrace, Kitimat and throughout the northwest.

Merry Christmas!
Charis, Callum, Debbie
and Cholly Boland
Arnprior Ontario

Season's Greetings
and all the best in 2004!

RADIATOR
The Best Place to Turn To For A Good
635-8100
Unit 105-4526 Greig Ave., Terrace
(Next to Minute Muffler)

MINUTE MUFFLER & BRAKE
635-7707 632-7747
1-800-561-7707
103-4526 Greig Ave., Terrace 1-700 Hobble Blvd., Kitimat

OK TIRE & AUTO SERVICE
635-0078
108-4526 Greig Avenue
Terrace, B.C.

Merry Christmas
from our House to Yours!

Terrace Honda

May the magic of Christmas unfold within your home bringing special joys and memories. As this season of cheer arrives, Terrace Honda extends their warmest wishes for a truly happy holiday to all.

Terrace Honda
250-638-8171 1-800-665-1990 "Bring It Home To Honda" 4534 Keith Ave.

May your heart be full of music throughout the holiday season.

As we trim our trees with twinkling lights & shining balls, we send warm greetings and hopes that your family's holiday season is a very special one.

CLASSIC ROCK

We compute a happy holiday season for you and yours!

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

CompuSmart
OPERATED BY Electronic Futures
Trust the technology experts
Keith Ave. Mall • 635-7767

Happy Holidays!
Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
from the Staff and Partners at...

McAlpine & Co.
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
#201-4630 Lazelle Avenue, Terrace, B.C. V8G 1S6 • 635-4925

Season's Greetings

Happy Holidays and a prosperous New Year. Thank to all our friends and customers for your patronage in 2003.

Closing Dec. 24th at 4 p.m.
Re-opening regular hours Dec. 30th

Kermodei Dive Shop
4546 Lazelle Ave., Terrace
635-9440 • 1-877-635-9440

Pro-Line Office Furniture

May the joys and good tidings of the holiday season bring you warmth and good health throughout 2004.

3992-A Old Lakelse Lake Drive, Terrace
635-7866 • (toll 615-7225) (Fax: 250-635-7856)
a speak with Dave for your office furniture needs.
Pro-Line behind Macs or PetroCan in Thornhill

M&M MEAT SHOPS

We're happy to have this opportunity to express our gratitude and offer our very best wishes to all of you at this joyous time of year.

4717 Lakelse Ave., Terrace (Gabind Mall) • 635-1180

Season's Greetings!

All the best to you and your family this holiday season. May the New Year bring you health and happiness thought 2004.

SKEENA PROJECT SERVICES LTD.
4445 Greig Avenue, Terrace, B.C.
Phone (250) 638-0808
Fax: (250) 635-4667
www.skeenaprojects.com
email: mail@skeenaprojects.com

Tempo

Seasons Greetings from all of us at Kitsumkalum Tempo.

Seasons Greetings

Merry Christmas from the staff and management at...

MOHAWK
Now a Proud Part of the Husky Team
4760 Lakelse Ave., Terrace
635-6935

OPEN during the Christmas Season 24 Hours Each Day!

Daybreak FARMS LTD

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from everyone at Daybreak Farms.
Thank you for your patronage in 2003.

4423 North Eby St., Terrace
638-0777



HELPING HAND: Glenda Wilson and Helen Owen from the Preceptor Gamma Omicron chapter of Beta Sigma Phi brought a collection of donated items for the Terrace Transition House. Acting house manager Carolyn Bennett says the contributions help women and children fleeing violence or abuse.

Transition house is always in need

IF YOU'RE looking for ways to spread comfort and joy this holiday season, here's another worthy cause.

The Terrace Transition House is always in need of donations to assist the women who go there fleeing abuse or violence.

"We appreciate any and all kinds of donations," said acting house manager Carolyn Bennett.

"Women come here sometimes with absolutely nothing," she said. "So anything and everything comes in handy."

After women leave the transition house they are still able to make use of the shelter's donation room for another month, Bennett said.

That's a tremendous aid to women trying to set up a new home in a time of emotional turmoil.

All sorts of household goods are appreciated, as well as personal items, toiletries and clothing for both women and children.

Clothing for boys is actually in the shortest supply, Bennett said.

"There's always plenty for girls, of course, because we're women-focussed,"

she said.

The shelter got a sizable donation last week from local women who are members of the Preceptor Gamma Omicron chapter of Beta Sigma Phi.

They collect or buy items all year long and turn them over to the transition house at Christmas.

This year they brought two large baskets containing everything from socks and slippers to and soap and bath products.

"We bring all kinds of personal things that someone walking away from home might want," says Beta Sigma Phi member Helen Owen.

She said the local group makes it a practice to collect small bottles of shampoo, lotion and soaps from hotels when they're travelling and sock them away to give to the transition house.

Women don't have to be residents at the shelter to take advantage of its free services, Bennett added. The Terrace Transition House is open for non-resident women for meals, support and counselling.

For more information on donating or on services available call 635-6447.

Merry Christmas
Thank you for your patronage in 2003.
Cedarland Tire
4929 Kelth Ave., Terrace • 635-6170

Baskets Unlimited
—Gifts by Design—

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from Cheryl and Sue at Basket Unlimited Gifts By Design.

Baskets Unlimited - Gifts By Design
635-4334
Now conveniently located in the Skeena Mall in Terrace!

GRAYDON SECURITY SYSTEMS

Thank you for your overwhelming support over the past year!!
Wishing all a Very Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year

877-713-9588
638-6070

RIDGEWAY FEEDS

May the joy and warmth of Christmas stay with you throughout the year. We'd like to take a moment to wish all of our customers a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Seasons Greetings
635-7480

Masterfeeds

Happy Holidays

Many thanks to all my loyal customers throughout the last year.
Shannon and Staff at...

Northcoast Cleaning
638-1144
3390 River Drive, Terrace

Have A Safe & Happy Holiday
from the staff of

TERRACE LEGAL SERVICES SOCIETY
3212 Emerson St., Terrace, B.C.
635-2133

The Management & Staff of the Terrace Co-op wish all their members a Merry Christmas & Prosperous New Year!

CO-OP

MERRY CHRISTMAS Merry Christmas MERRY CHRISTMAS Merry Christmas

There Are Many Ways To Look At It...

But we really mean it when we wish you Merry Christmas!

From our family to yours, here's hoping your holidays are merry and your new year bright.

Benson Optical Laboratory Ltd.
4611 Lakelse Ave • 638-0341

Merry Christmas MERRY CHRISTMAS Merry Christmas MERRY CHRISTMAS

Merry Christmas
from Norm & Paul at
TOTEM
AUTO REPAIR
(N&J SERVICE CENTRE LTD.)
4917 Keith Ave., Terrace • Ph: 635-2749 • Fax: 635-2155

The friendship of
those we serve
is the foundation
of our progress.
Happy Holidays
Vertip Promotions

Kondolas
FURNITURE
takes this opportunity to
thank their customers for their
patronage in 2003 and wish
you all the best in 2004.
4525 Lakelse Ave.,
Terrace, B.C.
1-800-479-4511

Merry Christmas
May the joys and good
will fill your hearts and
home this holiday season.
Elizabeth Fashions
4609 Lakelse, Terrace 635-4211

Our holiday best to you and
yours from everyone at:
WEST POINT
RENTALS
2903 Kalum St., Terrace, B.C.
635-3038

Wishes Do Come True
Here's hoping you and
your loved ones are able
to be together during
the holidays.
northern
photo
4736 Lakelse Ave., Terrace
Tel: (250) 638-1888

Happy Holidays
Your Decor
2716 TOLL FREE 1-800-665-1857

Terrace's founder full of confidence for Christmas 1944

George Little, the founder of Terrace, had an interesting and varied life.

One of his occupations was that of a mining prospector and promoter, which took him to the far northern reaches of the country.

This Christmas letter was written to Bill Richmond who, in 1944, was a constable with the B.C. Provincial Police in Terrace.

It was provided by Mr. Richmond's daughter, Beth Richmond, and is reproduced below.

Yellowknife, NWT.
Constable Richmond
Dec. 22, 1944

Dear Bill:

I was very pleased to get a card from you and while I am not generally answering cards there is a two-fold objective in answering yours.

Congratulations to you and Mary.

Well I have drifted back to a life I loved 40-45 years ago. The miners are not equal to the '98 class. The planes are new and a joy for a place like here.

The dance hall girls are nearly non-existent and their style is curbed but the dog teams are good and the camp looks very promising.

This is going to be a big and a rich gold camp and I am going to give it a year at least of a try out.

I have a nice little lumber home nearly finished. Can house a Terrace or B.C. friend if they happen this way.

Got some real estate and 4000 mining shares and figure on another 1000 tomorrow. All worked up on making a new stake.



TERRACE FOUNDER George Little was a successful settler and businessman. His travels not only resulted in laying out what is now Terrace, but they took him to mining opportunities in the far north. His 1944 Christmas letter to Terrace police Constable Bill Richmond recounts past episodes and is full of plans and confidence for the future.

It is the first time I ever had confidence in mines since Dawson and I wasn't the right age then.

We have an old Yukon miner here that was reckoned the oldest old timer in the north.

He was blown up twice, has two fingers left on one hand and has a hook for the other hand.

He went to Dawson in 1900 and claimed to have started Old Crow Trading Post 1906.

In a restaurant talk I remarked he was too late to get a line on Soapy's gang in 98-99 and the big snow slide in the spring of '98, and that it was me that first tried to start the trading post at Old Crow the year president McKinley was shot, the fall of 1901.

Well, Bill is rich in mines and stock but his pride was that he was the longest in the north of any man in camp and I stole part of his stock-in-trade.

Well, we are doing better lately and tomorrow I am to give him \$500 for 1000 shares in the Lynx Yellowknife. He will be willing to share the honours with me after that.

Well that winter of 1901-02 north of the circle was a failure with me and I have dreaded the short days ever since and now that the shortest day has passed I feel sure of another year.

Wishing you all a Happy and prosperous New Year.

Yours very truly,
George Little

Santa & All His Little
Helpers At BRAID INSURANCE
would like to wish everyone a
Merry Christmas
BRAID INSURANCE
ROADRUNNER SERVICE
638-8581
Fax: 635-4201
www.braidinsurance.com

Christmas Greetings
What better time to thank all our friends
and customers for their valued business
during the past year? Happy holidays!
TERRACE TRUCK & DIESEL
5408 Highway 16 W., Terrace, B.C. • 635-4938

Merry Christmas
to you and yours from all of us at
Close-Up Business Services
Home of Close-Up Magazine

Holiday Greetings!
A time to say "thank you" to all
the cherished friends we've
made this year.
RUDON
Enterprises Ltd.
5012 Hwy. 16, Terrace
(250) 635-4074

A Christmas Wish
May your heart and home be blessed. May your New
Year be the very best. Thank you for your patronage.
RAINBOW
1994
bobcat
SERVICES
5283 Old Remo Rd.
638-0153

Andrews Coffees
Wishes you a
Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year!
4603 Park Avenue, Terrace • 638-1704


Season's Greetings
May the holiday season bring you many
glad tidings and a prosperous New Year!
Terrace Paving
HWY. 16 EAST, TERRACE, B.C. • 635-9676

Greetings of the Season!
from all of us at...
Grace Fell Florists
4603 Lakelse Ave, Terrace • 635-6939

The staff of
Neid Enterprises
wishes everyone a
Very Merry Christmas
A Prosperous New Year!
NEID ENTERPRISES LTD.
"Your Recreation Specialist"
4921 Keith Ave., Terrace, B.C.
Ph: 635-3478 • Fax 635-5050

Haryana's Restaurant
"Specializing in Fine East Indian Cuisine"
 wishes you a Happy Holiday Season and thanks you for your patronage in 2003.

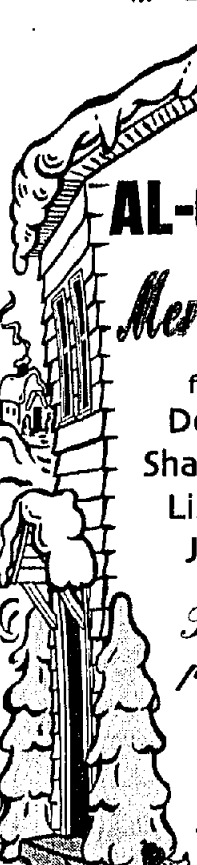
Haryana's Restaurant
 5522 Hwy 16W, Terrace



AL-C'S GLASS LTD.
Merry Christmas
 from
 Doug,
 Sharlene,
 Lisa &
 J.D.

Thank you for your patronage in 2003.

3720 RIVER DRIVE
638-8001
 Toll Free
1-888-638-8001




ANNA Viitasari and Satu Lehtinen are at home in Finland celebrating Christmas. They'll return to Terrace in the new year to continue their studies at Northwest Community College. SARAH A. ZIMMERMAN PHOTO

In Finland, Santa is called Joulupukki

By SARAH A. ZIMMERMAN
 ANYONE who thinks Santa Claus is a fat guy in a red suit who lives in the North Pole has it all wrong - at least that's what the Finns think.

In Finland, the he does wear a red suit, he does bring toys to children around the world in a sleigh pulled by reindeer but that's where the similarities stop.

According to Finnish tradition Santa is actually called Joulupukki and he doesn't live in the North Pole, he lives on a small mountain in Finland called Korvatunturi, say two Finnish exchange students going to school in Terrace.

He makes his rounds on Christmas Eve but doesn't land on rooftops - he parks his sleigh respectfully in front of each house and brings gifts to the door.

Anna Viitasari, and Satu Lehtinen, both 22, are attending Northwest Community College as business administration students. They left late last week to join their families in Finland for a traditional Christmas - they'll be returning in January for their second semester of school here which includes a work co-op placement in the local business community.

While Christmas in Finland is celebrated in many of the same traditions as here, there are some distinct differences.

The Santa Claus story is just one example.

"The celebration day is Christmas Eve," explains Satu, adding that's when gifts are distributed and opened and a traditional Christmas dinner is shared with one's immediate family.

"People are starting to eat turkey now," says Anna, adding the traditional meals feature ham instead. "Then we have our own food which is a little difficult to explain."

That includes a mashed potato dish baked in the oven called perunalaike, a baked rice and carrot dish called pokkanalaatio and salad rosolli, a salad filled with beets, potatoes, carrots, onions and apples.

It's not unusual for pickled herring to be served as well. And for dessert, gingerbread cookies and star-shaped pastries filled with plum jam.

Both students are taken with the amount of effort that goes in to decorating homes in Canada for the holidays.

"We don't have so much decorations - we don't have lights," says Anna, adding Christmas trees aren't laden with the strings of lights seen in homes here.

Trees are lit with electric candles - stemming from the older tradition of placing candles on the trees.

"The other tradition for many people is they go to church on Christmas Eve," says Satu, adding the predominant religion in Finland is Lutheran.

"And if they don't go to church they might go to a graveyard and light candles for people who have died."

The glimmering candles make for a stunning sight, she says.

The two Finns have adjusted well to the Canadian way of life and say the biggest difference they had to get used to here was just how friendly Canadians are.

"People here are more open here - more talkative," says Satu. "We don't have the small talk culture in Finland."

So when people they don't know strike up a conversation they're often not sure what to say.

"You don't say hi to strangers or people you've met only once," explains Anna. "We feel kind of rude sometimes because we don't know how to answer."

Getting used to a very different education system has also taken some adjustment.

While the class sizes at the college here are similar to those at their home school, Turku Polytechnic, the exam structure is very different.

"In Finland we stay in school maybe eight hours a day but here it's maybe three hours, but much more homework," Anna says.

On the flip side, going to school here allows the students to accumulate more marks toward a final mark by writing a 50 per cent final exam.

In Finland, the students' final examinations are worth at least 80 per cent of their mark. But if they fail they get two more chances at rewriting the exam.

Perhaps the biggest difference in school between Finland and here is the cost, the girls say.

While students here are expected to pay for tuition, books, rent, food and other expenses, in Finland school is not only free but students have 80 per cent of their rent paid through government subsidies.

Merry Christmas
 We've decked all the halls.
 Polished up our good cheer
 So we're wishing you all
 Happy holidays this year.

CF
CANADIAN FREIGHTWAYS LIMITED
 28165 Kalm St.,
 Terrace, B.C. V8G 2M6
635-6114



Greetings of the Season!
 May your holiday season be filled with warmth and much health in 2004!

**All Instore Wedding Gowns
 40-50% OFF**
 January 9th and 10th, 2004

 **Glass Slipper Bridal Boutique**
 4605 Lazelle Ave, Terrace 635-6966

Season's Greetings
 All the best to your family during this holiday season!

Budget
All The Difference In The World.

**Airport Terminal & Downtown Location at
 4912 Hwy. 16 W.
 638-0288**




ALCAN Primary Metal British Columbia


On behalf of Management and Employees at Alcan Kitimat Works, we would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



In the Spirit of the Season we have chosen to make a donation to the Food bank in lieu of our Annual Christmas Card mailout.

Holiday Greetings
 We're baking up best wishes for a happy holiday! Hope your stockings are stuffed with good things!

Happy 2004!



4641 Lazelle Ave. 635-7117 (across from Terrace & District Credit Union)

 **The Cookie Jar Bakery**

Merry Christmas!
 The gang at Terrace Chrysler would like to wish all their clients and friends a safe and happy holiday this merry season!

TERRACE CHRYSLER
 4916 Hwy. 16 West
 635-7187
 1-800-313-7187
 DLRW5958



Here's To A Colorful Holiday

Decorate your home with loads of good cheer and our hope that this Christmas finds you and your family healthy and happy. We appreciate the business of all our loyal customers.

TERRACE INTERIORS

4610 Lazelle Avenue, Terrace
635-6600




NORTHWEST CARTRIDGE EXCHANGE LTD.

Wishes you and your loved ones a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

4833 Lazelle Avenue, Terrace
Ph. 635-2157 Fax: 635-2988
TOLL FREE (877)-635-2157



'Home' this Christmas is at a special Vancouver house

IT TAKES a couple of minutes to realize that when Lynda Agnew talks about going home for Christmas, it's not back to Terrace.

Instead, home is Ronald McDonald House in Vancouver, a place where Lynda, husband Don and daughter Mackenzie have spent most of their time since Mackenzie was diagnosed with cancer last August.

The rounds of treatment, hospital stays, tests and the like mean it isn't feasible to be constantly returning to Terrace, making Ronald McDonald House the family's base for as long as they are in Vancouver.

"It really has become her home," says Lynda of Mackenzie who has just turned 21 months.

Mackenzie has neuro blastoma, a tumour-type cancer. It's been aggressively attacked since she was first diagnosed.

An operation Dec. 11 resulted in a tumour being removed and last week, the family heard very good news - the tumour was benign.

"It just popped right out (there)," said Lynda after hearing a report from the surgeon.

Continued treatment means the family can't return to Terrace this week so Christmas will be celebrated at Ronald McDonald House, a place for families who have to travel to Vancouver and then stay there for long terms of medical treatment.

They won't be alone. In past years, the 14-bedroom house has been pretty empty over the Christmas holidays but this year it's different because as many as 11 families are there.

"You should see this place," says Lynda Agnew of the decorations which were put up by volunteers who are constantly on the premises.

A large tree outside has been decorated with lights that are purchased by people as one way of raising money and there are smaller Christmas trees in many of the common rooms.

"It's really nice, except there's no snow," says Agnew.

They've sent gifts back to Terrace and have received gifts back in return which they'll open Christmas Day.

There is one solid Christmas tradition, the



DON AGNEW holds daughter Mackenzie while a special guest looks on. Don, wife Lynda and Mackenzie are at Ronald McDonald House in Vancouver for Christmas while Mackenzie undergoes treatment for cancer. They've been down south since August. The house, a residence for families from outside the lower mainland who can't commute back home because of medical needs, will be a lively place Dec. 25 as a massive Christmas dinner is enjoyed.



VIRTUALLY EVERY room at Ronald McDonald House in Vancouver is decorated for the holidays. As many as 150 people volunteer their time and talents at the house which is located close to B.C. Children's Hospital.

overnight supervisor puts the turkey into the oven in preparation for the Christmas meal.

There is another tradition of the families gathering together for the meal but otherwise, families can spend more time with each other or do something completely different.

"I think this will be a very unique experience," said Agnew of this Christmas. "I think we'll go with the flow."

The large number of families at Ronald McDonald House this week call for what staff member Lucy Melanson refers to as "King Kong" turkeys.

"You're going to see tables all over the place. It's going to be a pretty busy. We may have to eat in

shifts," she said.

Families can either put up a Christmas tree in their rooms or use one of the trees in the common areas of the house as a place for opening their presents.

After Christmas, the Agnews prepare for an extensive round of chemo which will then set the stage for a stem cell transplant.

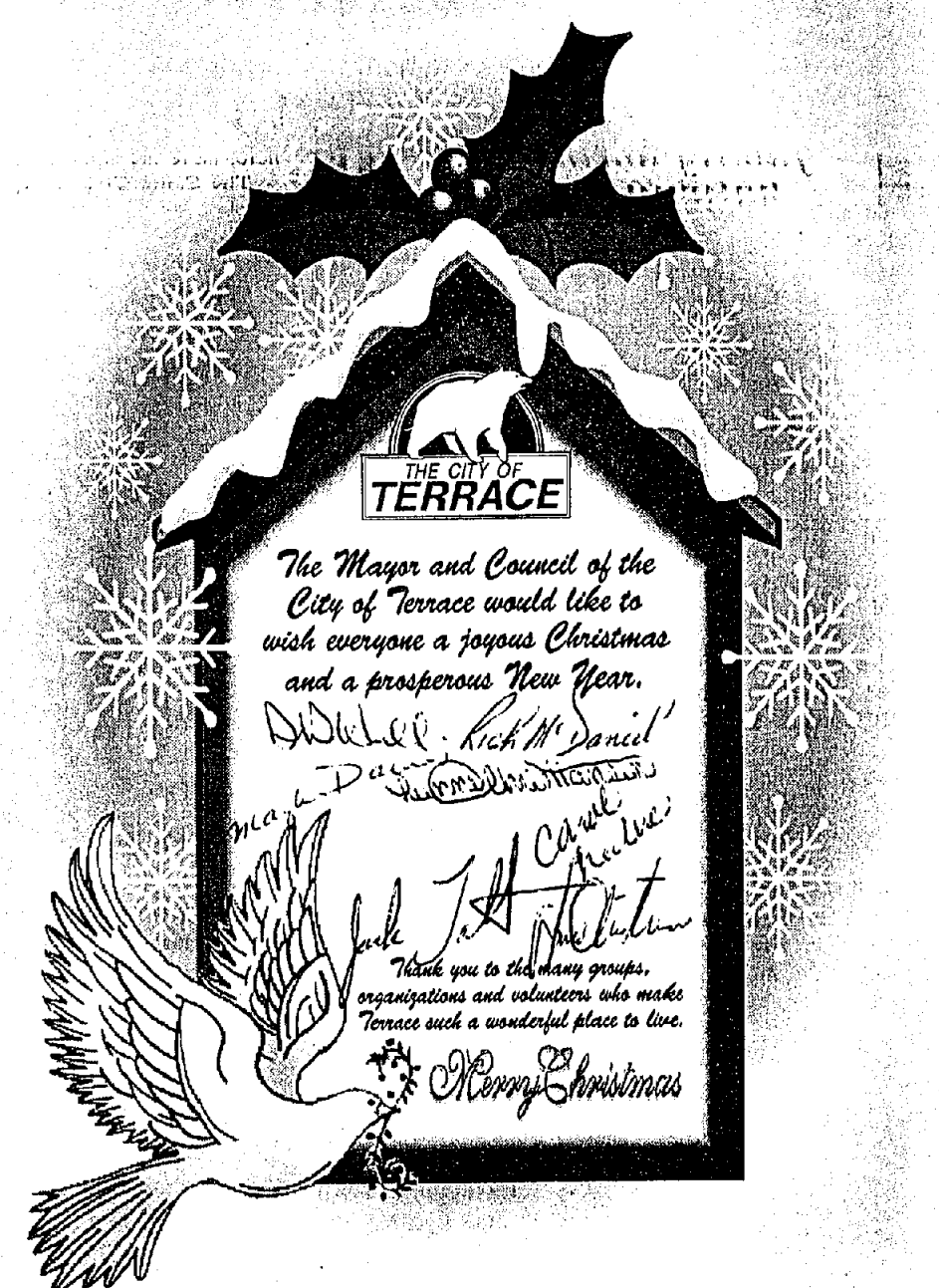
"You just have to keep going. You don't have a choice. You can't sit back and cry all the time," said Agnew.

This is the 20th anniversary for Ronald McDonald House, located a short dis-

tance from B.C. Children's Hospital. It has a downstairs, a main floor and two upper floors containing common and private rooms and 14 bedrooms.

The house is owned by the Children's Family House Society of B.C. McDonald's Restaurants, while a strong supporter, neither owns nor operates the house or others like it across the country.

McDonald's did create Ronald McDonald Children's Charities to help house start up. The charity does provide assistance with special house needs such as expansions and renovations.




MERRY CHRISTMAS

The Ladies of the Royal Purple Terrace wish everyone in our community a Merry and Joyous Christmas and our sincere thanks for your support over the years.



Terrace Totem Ford & Fastlane

wish to express our thanks to all our customers and friends for your patronage & hope to see you in 2004.

Holiday Greetings

Have a safe and prosperous New Year!

Fast Lane

4631 Keith Avenue, Terrace 635-FAST (3278)

Terrace Totem Ford

4631 Keith Avenue, Terrace
(250) 635-4984



Martyr honoured as prelude to Christmas in Sweden

ST. LUCIA, the Festival of Lights, ushers in the Christmas season for millions of Swedes each December.

The magical Scandinavian festival is celebrated on Dec. 13, which was traditionally the longest night of the year.

This special festival is marked by a candlelight procession led by a young woman wearing a white gown, a red sash, and a crown of candles, explains Bibbi Dozzi, a Terrace woman who is carrying on the proud tradition of her homeland.

"I know of no other country that celebrates Lucia like Sweden. It's celebrated in basically every household," she says. "It's become a prelude to Christmas."

Each year on Dec. 13, Dozzi invites guests to her home to help celebrate Lucia in Swedish tradition.

Dozzi puts on a white gown and places a crown of lights on her head in a gesture that symbolizes Lucia, a saint known for her generosity to the poor.

Dozzi seats her guests around a dinner table filled with foods associated with this December festival, including warm crepes filled with fruit and traditional Lucia buns, flavoured with Saffron spice.

Reaching out to other people in the community is a huge part of the Lucia festival, particularly seniors.

But as beautiful as the Lucia festival is, the legend surrounding St. Lucia is very tragic, originating in Syracuse, Sicily in the year 304 AD.

Lucia was a young woman who died as a martyr after she sold her dowry to purchase food for the poor. When her husband found out, he was angry and accused her of being a Christian, Dozzi explains.

She was found guilty and was sentenced to be burnt at the stake.

When the flames of the fire did not touch her, a sword was used to remove her eyes, which were very beautiful. This didn't kill her immediately, but rather gave her the ability to see more than normal eyes could.

She was later declared a saint by the Roman Catholic Church. She is called upon to heal people with eye disease. She is also called the Queen of Light.

The first Lucia celebrations appeared in Sweden, a largely Lutheran country, in 1764. It quickly spread from province to province, but mostly in high society, lighting up the darkest time of the year.

In 1927, one of Stockholm's newspapers selected a Lucia for the capital

city, a tradition that quickly caught on.

The Lucia festival is now a huge occasion in Sweden.

In Stockholm on Dec. 13, Lucia leads a procession of choral singers, visiting old people, hospitals and institutions, and others, singing carols.

The festivities are now a televised event starting at 7 a.m. when Lucia attends church to become blessed.

The festival takes place around the same time of year when the Nobel prizes are awarded. All the Nobel recipients get to meet Lucia.

Dozzi says many cities throughout Sweden now select their own Lucia.

Most households also celebrate Lucia in their own way.

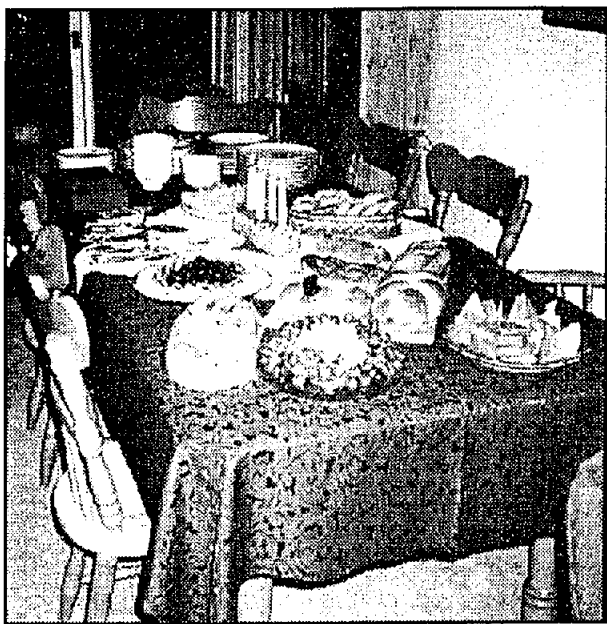
If there is a girl in the family, she will become the one to be dressed in white with a crown of lights on her head.

(These used to be lit candles, but nowadays Lucia's candles are powered by electricity, which is much safer.)

If there is more than one child, each carries a candle and take part in singing the song, Santa Lucia.



TERRACE'S OWN LUCIA: Bibbi Dozzi wears Lucia's white gown, red sash and crown of light.



FEAST FOR A SAINT: the table filled with traditional Lucia treats, including saffron-infused buns.

Remember The Reason For The Season!

Come celebrate with us as we honor the birth of our Lord.

From a lowly manger on Bethlehem He came to bring us eternal life.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased!" Luke 2:13-14

Come join the celebration this Christmas—bring your family and friends and worship with us!



Christ Lutheran Church

3229 Sparks St., Terrace, B.C. 635-5520

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service December 24 - 7 p.m.

Pastor: Lance Stephens

Terrace Christian Reformed Church

3602 Sparks St., Terrace 635-7207

Christmas Eve Dec. 24, 7:00 p.m.

Prepared by the Youth Service

Christmas Day Dec. 25, 10:00 a.m.

New Years Eve Dec. 31, 7:30 p.m.

New Years Day Jan. 1, 10:00 a.m.

Pastor Joel Ringma

Knox United Church

CHRISTMAS EVE DECEMBER 24

7:30 p.m.

Rev. Wally Hargrave

THORNHILL COMMUNITY CHURCH

3681 Krumm Rd., Thornhill, B.C. 635-5058

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Wednesday, December 24 - 7 p.m.

Pastors Ron Rooker & Rob Brinson

Roman Catholic Sacred Heart Parish

4830 Stroume Ave. - 635-2313

Christmas & New Year's Masses

Christmas Eve Dec. 24 - 7:30 p.m. & Midnight

Christmas Dec. 25 - 11:00 a.m.

St. Stephen's Day Dec. 26 - 11:00 a.m.

New Year's Eve Dec. 31 - 7:30 p.m.

New Years Jan. 1 - 11:00 a.m.

Christmas At ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

Christmas Eve Service

Wed. Dec. 24 6:30 p.m.

Candle Light Service

-Choir - Special Music

-Carol Singing

Regular

Sunday Workshop

10:00 a.m.

EVERYONE WELCOME

(Keith and Sparks Street)

638-1336

LIVING STONES CHURCH INTERNATIONAL

3302 Sparks St.

Christmas Eve Service

Wednesday, Dec. 24

6:30 p.m.

635-8830 or 615-6063

Experience the Miracle.

Terrace Alliance Church

4923 Agar Avenue, Terrace, B.C.

Candlelight Service for Families Christmas Eve 7-8 p.m.

Favourite carols and more!

LORD OF THE REALMS

The Salvation Army

Sunday Service

Sunday, Dec. 28

11:00 am & 7:00 pm

4643 Walsh St

Captains David & Rosa Moulton



St. Matthew's Anglican Church



ALL ARE WELCOME

December 24 6 p.m. Holy Eucharist

11:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

December 25 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (spoken)

December 28 10:00 a.m. Christmas Lessons & Carols

4514 Lakelse Ave - 635-9019

Rev. Mark H. Hatch, Interim Rector

Terrace Pentecostal Assembly

3511 Eby St. (at Scott) - 635-2434

Christmas Eve Service

DECEMBER 24

7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

New Year's Eve Service

DECEMBER 31

7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Jim Barber - Senior Pastor

Lowell Holmquist - Asst. Pastor



May you have a merry and blessed Christmas.



■ Concert concentration

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS performances require a lot of work not only by students, but by teachers and staff members. Here, special services assistant Kory Tanner reads young performers from Kiti K'Shan school before they take to the stage. The school's Dec. 9 Christmas concert at the R.E.M. Lee Theatre had a teddy bear theme. The school's choir also sang and there was a musical contribution by the Cassie Hall band. Music teacher Daryl McDicken organized and conducted the evening's entertainment by Kiti K'Shan students and by the Cassie Hall band.

'Celebrate a Life' blessed by those who attended

By JOSET GRAHAM

On Dec. 10, I had the privilege of being the master of ceremonies for the Terrace Hospice Society's annual "Celebrate A Life".

As I looked out from the podium I saw many new faces, some of them experiencing grief for the first time. I was honoured to be there with them. I felt safe and connected with them.

I remembered my first time at this ceremony, the first Christmas without our son. My emotions were raw, just as they were for those brave souls as they came to honour their own deceased loved one.

The pain fills your heart, the hurt, the tears overwhelm you. Regardless, I needed to be there to honour his life. To hear his name spoken aloud, an acknowledgment that he is, and will always be, remembered.

I would like to express my gratitude to those family members and special friends who came to the Elks Hall that evening. You made this evening complete just by being there.

You gave special recognition to your loved one and now you can go forward, taking comfort in the knowledge that you still maintain a very special relationship. They will always live in your heart.

Never be ashamed to be overcome by your grief, for this is how we pay tribute to our loved one who can no

longer be by our side. Celebrate-A-Life was blessed by all those who were present.



Thanks to all our friends and patrons for a great year and wishing you the best the holiday season has to offer. Here's hoping your new year is a great one!

CANADIAN TIRE
HWY 16 WEST TERRACE
PH. 635-7178
TOLL FREE 1-888-317-8473

Autoplanbrokers
INSURING A SAFER BC
"The Autoplan Brokers of Terrace urge everyone to drive safely and use extra caution during our winter driving conditions."
Have a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!
PARAGON INSURANCE AGENCIES LTD. Kootenay Insurance Services
WES WIGHTMAN & SMITH INSURANCE AGENCIES LTD.
"SAFE DRIVING - IT WORKS"

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!
With glad tidings for you and your family and friends.
INLAND KENWORTH 3671 Hwy. 16E, Terrace
PARKER PACIFIC 635-2292

Season's Greetings
from
Roger & Kathryn Harris and Family
Best Wishes throughout 2004

Province of British Columbia
Roger Harris, MLA Skeena Constituency
4623 Park Ave., Terrace, B.C. V8G 1V5
Ph. (250) 615-4828 Fax: (250) 615-4833

CLASSY CONSIGNMENTS
Would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year in 2004!
104-3302 Kalum St. • 635-6690

SEASONS GREETINGS!
The staff of
PARAGON INSURANCE AGENCIES LTD.
would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a very Happy and Healthy New Year.
PARAGON INSURANCE AGENCIES LTD.
SKEENA MALL, TERRACE
PH.: 635-6371 (1-888-549-5552)

SEASON'S GREETINGS
May your family's Christmas and home be filled with warmth and happiness this holiday.

Terrace Builders Do-it center
ALL MAJOR CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED
3207 Munroe Street, Terrace
635-6273 • 1-800-470-DO-IT
terracebuilders@telus.net

Best Wishes of the Season
from...

NORTHERN SAVINGS CREDIT UNION
We will be closed:
December 25th, 26th and January 1st
We look forward to serving you in the New Year
4702 Lazelle Ave., Terrace
Telephone 638-7822

Don't turn a happy time of year into a tragedy!



DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE!



Whether you are going to a fancy work party, casual or traditional family get together, it is important to plan ahead and designate a driver for the day/evening. There are plenty of alternative beverages for the designated driver including non-alcoholic beers, for those who still enjoy the real taste of beer without the alcohol.

Often party planners will make arrangements for guests

to sleep over so that there is no risk whatsoever of people driving while under the influence of alcohol. If your host has organized a lift home for you either with a friend or by running you home themselves, accept graciously - remember if they didn't want to do it they wouldn't have offered.

Make sure your holiday season has a happy ending.

REMEMBER, IF YOU ARE A NOVICE DRIVER, NO AMOUNT OF ALCOHOL CAN BE PRESENT IN YOUR BODY!

MacKAY'S FUNERAL SERVICE LTD.
and **TERRACE CREMATORIUM**
Concerned Personal Service
in The Northwest Since 1946
BRONZE PLAQUES & MONUMENTS
635-2444 FAX # 635-2160
4626 Davis, Terrace, B.C. V8G 1X7

TERRACE CRIME STOPPERS
635-TIPS

There's a little **M** in everyone

TERRACE INTERIORS
4610 Lazelle Ave. Terrace, B.C.
635-6600

TERRACE TOYOTA
4912 Highway 16 West
Terrace, B.C.
635-6558
www.terraceautomall.com

Please Don't Drink & Drive
TERRACE STANDARD
3210 Clinton Street, Terrace, B.C. 638-7283

IMAGES by Karlene
HAIRSTYLING & DAY SPA
HAIRSTYLING & DAY SPA
BE CAREFUL DRIVING THIS HOLIDAY WEEKEND
4718-B Lazelle Avenue, (Behind Mr. Mike's)
1-800-251-4997 • 635-4997

CANADIAN TIRE
HWY 16 WEST TERRACE
PH. 635-7178
TOLL FREE 1-888-317-8473
BE WISE DON'T DRINK & DRIVE

Friends Don't Let Friends Drink and Drive
Scottie's U-Brew Ltd.
Quality Beer, Wines, & Coolers
4720a Lazelle Ave. Terrace, B.C.
635-1166

TERRACE CHRYSLER
4916 Highway 16 West
Terrace, B.C.
635-7187
www.terraceautomall.com

Keenleyside Insurance Services
DRIVE-THRU WINDOW
4635 Greig Avenue, Terrace
635-5232

SUBWAY
4744 Lakelse Avenue, Terrace, B.C.
635-1994
Friends don't let friends Drink and Drive!

Terrace Builders Do-it center.
terracebuilders@telus.net
1-800-470 DO IT
3270 Munroe, Terrace **635-6273**

KALOTIRE
Cedarland Tire Service
4929 Keith Avenue
Terrace, B.C.
635-6170

Northwest Fuels
PETRO CANADA
Northwest Fuels
5138 Keith Ave.
Terrace, B.C.
Phone: (250) 635-2066
Doug Ames
Manager

The Coast Bar and Grill
Be wise! Don't Drink & Drive
Located in the Coast Inn of the West
4620 Lakelse Avenue, Terrace
638-7977

COASTAL BUS LINES
OUR SCHOOL & TRANSIT BUS DRIVERS ENCOURAGE EVERYONE
DON'T DRINK & DRIVE
4904 Hwy 16 West, Terrace **635-6617**

AL-C'S GLASS
•Auto Glass •Safety Glass
•ICBC Claims •Windows
•Mirrors •Sealed Units
•We will pick up and drop off your vehicle.
3720 RIVER DRIVE, TERRACE
Terrace **638-8001**
Toll Free **1-888-638-8001**

Skeena Sawmills
A Division of
West Fraser Mills Ltd
5330 Hwy 16W **635-6336**
Friends don't let friends Drink and Drive!

WILLIAMS Moving & Storage
5130 Park, Terrace, B.C.
635-2268

GATORS
at the Best Western Terrace Inn
Take a taxi or bring a designated driver Don't Drink & Drive

bcclassified

Over 10,000 ads - updated daily

BC Newspaper Group

ACTION AD RATES

638-7283

DEADLINE: FRIDAY 4 P.M.

Display, Word Classified and Classified Display

ADVERTISING DEADLINES: When a stat holiday falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Monday, the deadline is Thursday at 4 p.m. for all display and classified ads.

TERRACE STANDARD, 3210 CLINTON STREET

TERRACE, B.C. V8G 5R2 www.terracestandard.com

All classified and classified display ads **MUST BE PREPAID** by either cash, VISA or Mastercard number ready.

WORD ADS RUN IN Terrace Standard & Weekend Advertiser

1 Week (Standard & Advertiser) **\$14.45** (inc. GST) **NO COPY CHANGE**

3 weeks (Standard & Advertiser) **\$28.75** (inc. GST) **NO REFUNDS**

*Additional words (over 20) **25¢ PER WORD PLUS GST**

CLASSIFIED DISPLAY ADS **CONFIDENTIAL BOX SERVICE**

\$13.30 per column inch **Pickup \$5.00** Mail out **\$10.00**

(ANNOUNCEMENTS (3-36) excluding obituaries.....**\$9.68** col.in

OBITUARIES INTERNET POSTING (\$10.00).....**\$9.68** col.in

LEGAL ADVERTISING.....**\$15.54** per column inch

WORD ADS ON ACCOUNT

Word ads charged on account are subject to a service fee of \$4.75 per issue, plus GST (\$10.17 per week).

For regional coverage place your display ad in the weekend edition of the Weekend Advertiser.

Classifications!

- ANNOUNCEMENTS 0-49**
- 3 Announcements
 - 6 Announcements
 - 9 Birthdays
 - 12 Birthdays
 - 15 Church
 - 18 Coming Events
 - 21 Congratulations
 - 24 Engagements/Weddings
 - 30 In Memoriam
 - 33 Obituaries
 - 36 Thanks
- PERSONAL 50-99**
- 55 Business Personal
 - 60 Health/Beauty
 - 65 Lost & Found
 - 70 Personal
 - 75 Pets
 - 80 Singles
 - 85 Travel/Vacation
 - 125 Wanted
- WANTED 100-149**
- 155 Amateurs
 - 160 Appliances
 - 165 Arts & Crafts
 - 170 Auctions
 - 175 Building Materials
 - 180 Computers
 - 185 Concessions
 - 190 Firearms
 - 195 Food
 - 200 Free Give Aways
 - 205 Furniture
 - 210 Garage Sales
 - 215 Garden Equipment
 - 220 Miscellaneous
 - 225 Music
 - 230 Sporting Goods
 - 235 Tools
 - 240 Trade Or Swap
- EMPLOYMENT 250-299**
- 254 Business Opportunities
 - 258 Careers
 - 262 Education
 - 266 Education
 - 270 Help Wanted
 - 274 Professional
 - 278 Skilled Trades
 - 282 Training
 - 285 Volunteers
 - 290 Work Wanted
- SERVICES 300-399**
- 302 Accounting
 - 304 Appliances
 - 308 Automotive
 - 308 Building Services
 - 310 Cleaning
 - 312 Computer
 - 314 Child Care
 - 316 Cleaning
 - 318 Construction
 - 320 Drywall
 - 322 Education/Tutoring
 - 324 Electric
 - 326 Excavation
 - 328 Furniture/Mortgage
 - 330 Handyman
 - 332 Home Improvement
 - 334 Home Support
 - 336 House Sitting
 - 338 Insurance
 - 340 Janitorial
 - 342 Landscaping/Gardening
 - 344 Moving/Storage
 - 346 Music Services
 - 348 Music Lessons
 - 350 Painting
 - 352 Plumbing
 - 354 Real Estate
 - 356 Pool/Spas
 - 358 Roofing
 - 362 Snowplowing
 - 364 Travel
 - 366 Trucking
 - 368 Yard & Garden
- RENTAL 400-499**
- 404 Apartments
 - 408 Boat/Rentals
 - 412 Boat/Rentals
 - 416 Cabins/Cottages
 - 420 Commercial
 - 424 Condos
 - 428 Duplex/Apartments
 - 432 Farm/Truck/Trailer
 - 436 Home/Apartment
 - 440 Houses
 - 444 Miscellaneous
 - 448 Mobile Homes
 - 452 Motorcycles
 - 456 Rooms
 - 460 Room & Board
 - 464 Seniors/Retirement
 - 468 Storage/Accommodations
 - 472 Storage
 - 476 Suites
 - 480 Tourist Accommodations
 - 484 Townhouses
 - 488 Wanted To Rent
 - 492 Warehouses
- REAL ESTATE 500-599**
- 504 Apartments/Lots
 - 512 Cabins/Cottages
 - 516 Commercial Properties
 - 520 Condos
 - 524 Duplex/Apartments
 - 528 Farms/Ranches
 - 532 For Sale or Rent
 - 536 Houses
 - 540 Lakeshore
 - 544 Mobile Homes
 - 548 Open House
 - 552 Out of Town
 - 556 RV sites
 - 560 Townhouses
- PETS/FARM 600-699**
- 604 Boarding
 - 612 Farm Equipment
 - 616 Feed & Seed
 - 624 Fruit/Produce/Meat
 - 628 Horses
 - 632 Livestock
 - 636 Pets
 - 640 Trainers
- INDUSTRY 650-699**
- 650 Equipment
 - 654 Logging/Trucking
 - 658 Machinery
 - 660 Mining
- RECREATIONAL 700-799**
- 704 Aircraft
 - 710 ATVs
 - 714 Boat/Marine
 - 718 Houseboats
 - 722 Motorcycles
 - 726 RVs
 - 730 Rentals
 - 734 Snowmobiles
 - 738 Trailers/Trucks
 - 742 Trucks/Trucks
 - 746 Trucks/Trucks
 - 750 Trucks/Trucks
 - 754 Trucks/Trucks
 - 758 Trucks/Trucks
 - 762 Trucks/Trucks
 - 766 Trucks/Trucks
 - 770 Trucks/Trucks
 - 774 Trucks/Trucks
 - 778 Trucks/Trucks
 - 782 Trucks/Trucks
 - 786 Trucks/Trucks
 - 790 Trucks/Trucks
 - 794 Trucks/Trucks
 - 798 Trucks/Trucks
- NOTICES/TENDERS 800-849**
- 812 Legal Notices
 - 816 Notices
 - 820 Tenders

The Terrace Standard reserves the right to classify ads under appropriate headings and to set rates therefor and to determine page location. The Terrace Standard reminds advertisers that it is against the provincial Human Rights Act to discriminate on the basis of children, marital status and employment when placing "For Rent" ads. Landlords can state a no-smoking preference. The Terrace Standard reserves the right to revise, edit, classify or reject any advertisement and to retain any answers directed to the News Box Reply Service, and to repay the customer the sum paid for the advertisement and box rental. Those answering Box Numbers are requested not to send original documents to avoid loss. All claims of errors in advertisements must be received by the publisher within 30 days after the first publication. It is agreed by the advertiser requesting space that the liability of the Terrace Standard in the event of failure to publish an advertisement as published shall be limited to the amount paid by the advertiser for only one incorrect insertion for the portion of the advertising space occupied by the incorrect or omitted item only, and that there shall be no liability in any event greater than the amount paid for such advertising.

Name _____ Address _____
Phone _____ Start Date _____ # of Insertions _____ Terrace Standard # _____ Weekend Advertiser _____
CLASSIFICATION _____ Credit Card No. _____ Expiry Date _____
☐ VISA ☐ MASTERCARD

PLEASE CLEARLY PRINT YOUR AD BELOW - ONE WORD PER SPACE

	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	
11	12	13	14	15	
16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	32	33
34	35	36	37	38	39
40	41	42	43	44	45
46	47	48	49	50	51
52	53	54	55	56	57
58	59	60	61	62	63
64	65	66	67	68	69
70	71	72	73	74	75
76	77	78	79	80	81
82	83	84	85	86	87
88	89	90	91	92	93
94	95	96	97	98	99
100	101	102	103	104	105

Clip & Mail This Form To:
Terrace Standard
3210 Clinton St., Terrace, B.C. V8G 5R2

Phone _____ Fax _____
STANDARD 638-7283 638-8432

3 Announcements

3 Announcements

33. Obituaries

Norman J. Good Inc. - Chiropractor

OFFICE HOURS

KITIMAT
MONDAY TO THURSDAY
8:45 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
101-160 Nechako Centre
Dental Building
Phone (250) 632-4773

TERRACE
TUES. AND FRI. ONLY
11:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
100-4819 Park Ave.
Dental Building
NEW Phone: (250) 615-4773

3 Announcements

ADVERTISE your business or service directly to sportsmen and women in BC - 625,000 copies! You get guaranteed distribution to this large target market in two government print magazines. Please call Anne-Marie at 1-800-661-6335.

WELCOME WAGON

WELCOME WAGON
SINCE 1930

Your Welcome Wagon Hostess for Terrace, B.C. is:

Cathy
615-9286

If you are new to Terrace or having a baby, please call Your Welcome Wagon hostess for your free gifts and information.

30 In Memoriam



In Loving Memory of Jessica Anne Bottaro
(nee Puge)
Nov. 20, 1973-Dec. 26, 2000
Three long, lonely years have gone by since we last saw you. We all miss your warmth, the hugs, your smile and that wicked sense of humor. You will always be in our minds and hearts. Remember hearts are for loving and daisies are forever.
Love Mom, Dad, Peter, Kris, Kelly, Amanda and all your nephews and nieces.

OLE ARTHUR (Weslie) GILBERTSON



passed away suddenly at Fraser Hope Lodge in Hope, B.C., December 7th, 2003 at the age of 81. He is survived by his wife Helen, four of his five children, Carolyn (Gibson), Gus (deceased Sept 2nd, 1976), Judith (Cookman), Ole Jr. and Marion (Broome), four grandchildren, one great grandchild and several nieces and nephews.

Ole was born in Camrose, Alberta in 1922, had three older sisters, Isabel, Eleanor and Blanche and three older brothers, Donald, George and still living Gene. Ole grew up and worked in the mines around Camrose & Slooan before enlisting as a LAC in the Royal Canadian Air Force on January 6th, 1942, serving in Canada and Europe. After his Honourable discharge in October 1971, he served a term with the Merchant Marines in East Africa. For his service he received the "Canadian Volunteer Service Medal", Defence Medal and the War Medal. While overseas he learned conversational French, German, Russian, Polish and spoke Norwegian fluently. After the war, he spent time in Eastern Canada before returning home to marry Helen Gray of Salmo in 1949. During his working life he was involved in the construction of the Alcan Smelter in Kitimat, Columbia Power and Peace Power Projects, construction and welding for Skeena and Columbia Cellulose Company and the reconstruction of the Abitibi Sawmill in Massett, Queen Charlotte, finally retiring in Sechart.

He was held in high regard and maintained his affiliations with the Royal Canadian Legion and Masonic Lodge. He possessed an exceptional mastery of the English language and read voraciously. Easy to laugh, he could captivate anyone in serious or witty conversation. An accomplished sportsman, he enjoyed fly-fishing, hunting and the outdoors. His natural charm, strength of character and presence will be greatly missed.

A family gathering and service will be held in Terrace in the summer of 2004.

In Loving Memory



Evelyn Phyllis Ward
January 7, 1929 - November 20, 2003

You left us happy memories
Your love is still our guide
And though we can not see you,
You are always by our side.
Our family chain is broken
And nothing seems the same.
But as God calls us one by one
The chain will link again.

Evelyn was born in Empress AB, and moved to Terrace BC with her husband and children in 1959. She passed away peacefully at Mills Memorial Hospital after a courageous battle with Cancer.

Evelyn loved to crochet, and could always be found at the local craft fairs. Evelyn's flower garden was her pride and joy, and she baked prize winning apple pies. She was well known throughout the community for her volunteer work collecting used envelopes for the Eastern Star.

Evelyn will be sadly missed by her loving husband of 55 years John Arthur Ward; son Dennis Ward; daughters Linda (Norman) Stewart, Janet (Bob) Postuk, Susan Marcin; brother Sonny (Jean) Harder; Grandchildren Lenny (Suzanne), Trisha, Shane, Marsha (Dik), Sherie, Tasha; Great Grandchildren Kacey, Miranda; and many Uncles, Aunts, Nieces and Nephews. Predeceased by her parents James & Myrtle Harder, and sister Mary-Ann Schmidt.

A very special "Thank You" to Kenny Solmonson, and all family friends for your support.

In Loving Memory

Marvin Ross Vold
August 21, 1950 - November 28, 2003

He is survived by his wife of 9 years, Cindy, his Mother, Hansina, his sons Allan and Christian and daughter Patti, his sister Marlene and husband Bob, sister Alfa and husband Nabil, his nieces and nephews and as well as other relatives and friends too many to mention.

Thank you to Mills Memorial Hospital staff and to the many friends who brought food & flowers and for caring.
WE WILL ALL MISS HIM

Reinhold F.W. Koerner
1927-2003

Was born in Stettin Germany, youngest son of Willy and Margaret Koerner.

In 1952 he and his mother came to Canada. He worked in Winnipeg, Lethbridge and Calgary.

In 1965 he moved to Terrace where he worked at the Terrace Co-Op from 1965-1974.

1974-1991 he worked for School District 88, as a janitor.

He is survived by his wife Emma (of 42 years), sons David (Yvonne) & Gerhard, daughters Margaret (Rob) Martin, Esther (Shawn) Enns and grandson Joel Koerner.

Our thanks to the staff at Terraceview Lodge and Mills Memorial Hospital and Doctor DeWit.

He went peacefully to be with the Lord November 28th 2003.

We miss you very much - but we rejoice with you that you're no longer suffering Love Emma, David, Yvonne, Gerhard, Margaret, Rob, Esther, Shawn and grandson Joel.

Charlie has 30 seizures a day

Research may help change his life

www.epilepsy.ca

33 Obituaries

Canadian Diabetes Association

thanks all who have made our Residential Campaign a success. Thanks to all our hardworking canvassers and to all the people who donated. A special thanks to Clarica's management and staff for their great support. Some day we will find a cure. Total amount raised is \$10,500. Thank You Jane Braam Campaign Manager Canadian Diabetes Associates

Medic Alert
ALWAYS ON CALL
www.medicalert.ca
For more information
1-800-668-1507

Epilepsy • EPILEPSY • EPILEPSY

Epilepsy is a neurological disorder that causes seizures.

BC EPILEPSY INFO LINE
1-866-EPILEPSY (1-866-374-5377)

6 Anniversaries

Congratulations



Brock and Jessie Norbirk
Married in Terrace, B.C. Dec. 24, 1943

With love and best wishes from your family.

on your
60th
Wedding Anniversary

HOME BASED BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Only \$13.25 Per Week (Based on a 13 week contract)

PRECISELY RIGHT MOVING

Your Moving Professionals Since 1997

Truck & New 32 & 28 ft Trailers at Your Service

- Across town or the country
- Will assist or load for you
- Reasonable Rates

1-866-615-0002
ADVANCED BOOKING DISCOUNT
Ph: 615-0002 Cell: 638-6969

Installation And Refinishing Hardwood And Laminate Floors

Furniture Restoration And Refinishing
•upholstering small items
•draperies and curtains

BRUCE ENTERPRISES
Peter and Christine Bruce
4822 Loan Avenue, Terrace, B.C.
Phone **250-638-1219**

Viva Holistic Healing Centre

112 Cedar Grove
3530 Kulum Street
Terrace, B.C. V8G 2P2
(250) 635-2194

Frances Birdsell
Natural Therapist
Holistic Healer
Clinical Ecologist

Everything For The Horse Lover

Mail Orders/Special Orders
OPEN: Tues - Fri, 9am-Noon
OR By Appointment
Ph: 250-638-7252 - Fax 250-638-7253
website: www.northernhorisesupply.com

Poodles Plus
Professional Dog Grooming

1-250-638-0052

- Grooming starts at \$25
- Pick-Up/Delivery Service - Small Fee
- Patience For Problem Dogs
- Evenings & Weekend Appointments
- Specializing in Poodles
- Poodle Boarding

We Love Your Dog As Much As You Do!

2596 Athree Road (Jackpine Flats) Terrace, B.C.

You can Advertise In This Spot for **\$13.25 a week** plus GST

FOR a minimum of 13 WEEKS

Please call for more info
638-7283

My First Christmas in Heaven

I see the countless Christmas trees around the world below.
With tiny lights, like Heavens stars, reflecting on the snow.
The sight is so spectacular, please wipe away the tears.

For I am spending Christmas
with Jesus Christ this year.

I hear the many Christmas songs that people hold so dear.
But the sounds of music can't compare
with the Christmas choir here.

I have no words to tell you, the joy their voices bring,
For it's beyond description, to hear the angels sing.

I know how much you miss me,

I see the pain in your heart.

But I'm not so very far away,

We really aren't apart.

So be happy for me, dear ones,

You know I hold you dear.

And be glad that I'm spending Christmas
with Jesus Christ this year.

I sent you each a special gift,

from my heavenly home above.

I sent you each a memory of my undying love.

After all, love is a gift more precious than pure gold.
It was always most important in the stories Jesus told.

Please love and keep each other, as our Father said to do.

For I can't count the blessings or love he has for you.

So have a Merry Christmas and wipe away that tear.

Remember, I am spending Christmas

with Jesus Christ this year.

The staff at MacKay's Funeral Services would like to express our heartfelt wishes to all the families we have served & that this message will bring you comfort and peace during this holiday season.

36 Thanks

36 Thanks

The Northwest BC Métis Association Terrace Local

WOULD LIKE TO THANK
the following businesses for their generous support in making our Christmas party a success. Proceeds from the raffle, 50/50 draw, and the food hamper have been donated to the

Salvation Army Food Bank.

Safeway
Northern Drugs
Save On More
Misty River Books
Gemma's
Shadez of Hair
Canadian Tire

Radio Shack
Best Western
Terrace Inn
Dairy Queen
McDonalds
Desiderata Inn

House of Sim-oi-ghets
Happy Days Handbags
Mount Layton Hot Springs

60 Health/Beauty

CAN YOU afford to lose weight? (250)992-5692
ionajew@shaw.ca
www.thissimnow.com

85 Travel/ Tours/ Vacation

THINKING ABOUT staying at a B&B in British Columbia? Visit www.mondaytourism.com for links and colour photos from over 700 B&B's in BC.

175 Building Materials

Flooring Distributor NEEDS CASH FLOW Laminate - \$.49 sq/ft, Laminate tile - \$.99 sq/ft, 1X6" knotty fir - \$.80 sq/ft, slate or granite from - \$1.99 sq/ft, 3 1/4" oak or maple pre fin - \$.39 sq/ft, 3 1/4" exotics pre-finished - \$.49 sq/ft, bamboo, prefinished - \$.39 sq/ft, 1-800-631-3342.

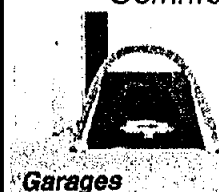
205 Furniture

MAYTAG GAS self cleaning range. New \$1000.00 - asking \$500.00. 22c/l GE fridge, bottom freezer. New \$1400.00 - asking \$800.00. Both three years old. Sears washer, dryer set. \$500/pair. Call 250-638-0840 (49P3)

220 Miscellaneous

4000 NEW Vinyl Windows. Over 60 different sizes to choose from. Great Prices! Chilliwack location 1-800-546-8733. Surrey New & Used 17861-64th Avenue, Surrey, 1-877-570-8733.

WINKLER CANVAS LTD. ~Commercial Agri Buildings~



Garages

- Single and Truss Arch available from 24'-105' wide
- Pre-engineered Truss Buildings
- Freestanding 24' or 30' Shop, RV/Truck Storage

Lease to Own. Available in various colours.

Also available: Livestock Barns, Machinery Sheds, Garages, Riding Arenas, Hay/Grain Sheds, Greenhouses

Southside Feed • Burns Lake
(250) 694-3500 Ken Rose
www.winkercanvasbldg.com



ALLIED TUBE & CONDUIT

Terrace & District Business Directory

The quality shows in every move we make!

BANDSTRA TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS LTD.

3111 Blakely, Terrace

635-2728

Container or van service!

www.bandstra.com

SEAPORT LIMOUSINE LTD.

PASSENGER AND EXPRESS SERVICE

Daily scheduled bus service from Stewart to Terrace and return, and all points in between. Pick-up and delivery of goods in Terrace, C.O.D. and courier service.

P.O. Box 217, Stewart, B.C.
Ph: 636-2622 FAX: 636-2633
Terrace Depot: 635-7676

PRO Wet & Dry VAC SERVICES LTD. SPECIALISTS IN CLEANING

- CHIMNEYS & FURNACES
- AIR DUCTS
- BOILERS
- FIREPLACES
- ATTIC INSULATION REMOVAL
- AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEMS
- PAINT BOOTHS
- SEPTIC TANK & DRAINS
- SEPTIC FIELD FLUSHING
- CATCH BASIN & SUMP PITS
- REST. GREASE TRAPS
- ELECTRIC SNAKE
- FLOOD CLEAN UPS
- VACUUM EXCAVATION

Industrial Vacuum Trucks 635-1132
CLEANING YOUR AIR DUCTS WILL RELIEVE ALLERGY SUFFERERS AND IMPROVE AIR QUALITY.

254 Business Opportunities

ADVERTISE your business or service directly to sportsmen and women in BC - 625,000 copies! You get guaranteed distribution to this large target market in two government print magazines. Please call Anne-Marie at 1-800-661-6335.

ABSOLUTELY FREE information on-line. Work from home \$25-\$75/hr pt. ft. Call 1-888-204-8473 www.dollargenerator.com (49P6)

258 Careers

TITAN FLUID POWER - Outside Sales Position. We are seeking qualified individuals with a track record doing technical fluid power sales or related relevant experience to take on an outside sales territory based in Kelowna. A combination of mobile and industrial applications knowledge designing, troubleshooting and selling hydraulic, pneumatic and lubrication systems and components is required. Forward Resumes to: Jacques Ledoux - Titan Fluid Power, 101-990 Richter St., Kelowna, B.C. V1Y 2K3 Fax: 250-763-2629. Email: jledoux@titansupply.ca

TEST DRIVE

Unique opportunity to own and operate a 2004 Polo with zero down. You must have a minimum ONE YEAR flat track highway experience and willing to run CANADIANUSA and possess good references. Steve or Andre (800) 663-0099

258 Careers

TRAIN TO work in the computer industry! Network technician, Computer Technician, Programmer Analyst, Office Administrator, For program or student loan information from our CDI College Abbotsford campus Call toll free today. 1-888-421-7225

270 Help Wanted

HARDWOOD INSTALLERS An opportunity to enjoy the Okanagan. We are looking for experienced Tile Setters to help with the Custom Housing Market in Vernon, BC. Must be creative and well versed in all aspects of the Flooring Industry. Excellent rates and working atmosphere. Fax resumes to: 250-545-0083 or email: ron@homefoundations.ca

INTERNATIONAL COMPANY expanding! Work from home on your computer. (250)992-5692 ionajew@shaw.ca www.321easy4u.com

LOP'S AND DRIVERS, due to expanding work, Bulk Systems is currently hiring in the Kamloops, Williams Lake, Cache Creek and Chilliwack areas. Super train experience req. to haul woodchips within B.C. Mon. to Fri. Weekends off. Medical and dental plans avail. competitive pay package. Fax resume and abstract to 604-795-5797 or Contact our office during reg. hours. 8am to 5pm 604-795-5915 or stop by 8540 Chilliwack Mountain Rd., Chilliwack, BC

270 Help Wanted

REQUIRED IMMEDIATELY. Factory trained GM Tech. Duramax training required. Phone for pay & benefit package information, located in the Central Cariboo country, offering recreation, family, community. Good team atmosphere. Looking for new member in busy dealership. Direct inquiries to Shop Manager: Bill McMillan - GM Shane Thon. Toll free: 1-800-860-5515.

MERCHANDISER - Part time. Required to set up new products in Walmart for opening in January, and continue to merchandise as requested on a monthly cycle. Need Internet and transportation. Retail or merchandising experience an asset. Excellent opportunity for an existing Merchandising rep to enhance hours. email/fax application to debby@powerhousepromo.on.ca 1-800-847-0068 (52P1)

SQM IS hiring Mystery Shoppers for Terrace, BC. If interested please apply at www.sqm.ca (52P3)

WANTED: BABYSITTER or nanny. Flexible hours, drivers license required. Experience and references required. Live in or out. Call 250-638-7750 (52P3)

ATTN: WORK at Home. Real People, Real Success. We're ordinary people, we just follow an extraordinary system. We earn \$2500-\$5000+. www.SimplyChoose.com

BABYSITTER WANTED in my home. Non-smoker preferred. Hours flexible. Wages negotiable. Call 250-635-6472 (51P3)

Bookkeeper/Secretary

Part time position requiring knowledge of ACCPAC, Excel, full financial cycle and general office procedures. This is a busy, small office in Terrace that can provide diversity and challenge. Available February.

Please send your resume to:

Box #147
3210 Clinton St.,
Terrace, B.C.
V8G 5R2

270 Help Wanted

TILE SETTERS An opportunity to enjoy the Okanagan. We are looking for experienced Tile Setters to help with the Custom Housing Market in Vernon, BC. Must be creative and well versed in all aspects of the Tile Industry. Excellent rates and working atmosphere. Fax resumes to: 250-545-0083 or email: ron@homefoundations.ca

THE JIM PATTISON AUTO GROUP Looking for an exciting, rewarding career? The Retail Automotive industry offers excellent opportunities. A dynamic industry that is constantly changing to the needs of a high-tech society. An industry that offers challenging, well paying jobs, for qualified, motivated people. Jobs offered: New & Used Vehicle Sales, Leasing & Rentals, Finance & Insurance, Service, Body/Windshield Repairs, Parts & Accessories and Management Opportunities. Please forward Resume and References to P.O. Box 2830, C/O The Leader, #200-5450-152 St., Surrey, B.C. V3S 5J9.

TECHNICAL SUPPORT Associates - Kamloops. Requirements: Ability to solve customer complaints with regard to their cable broadband access to the internet. Rotating shifts. Grade 12 or equivalent. \$11.00/hr. Email: kamloops.jobs@convergys.com Fax: (250)571-5870.

LIVE-IN CARETAKER position available immediately. No experience necessary - will train. Suitable for semi-retired couple. Must be bondable. Drop resume at 4326 Lakelse Ave. after 5:00P.M. (51P3)

WANTED: PERSONAL CARE AIDE. 3-4 hours a week. Permanent part time, on the job training. Certificate not required. A vehicle will be an asset. For interview call 250-635-4992. (51P3)

270 Help Wanted

Director of Administration/Band Manager

Kitselas First Nation



The Kitselas First Nation is seeking a skilled and motivated manager to provide leadership in the administrative functions of the Kitselas First Nation public administration. The successful individual will work with a management team of four other directors who are individually and collectively responsible for implementing policy and legislation approved by the elected Council.

The Director of Administration (formerly referred to as the "Band manager") is responsible for:

- Management of the housing, public works utilities, law enforcement, community planning, land registration and office services programs
- Inter-governmental relations with BC, Canada and local and regional governments at the program level
- Human resource development generally and the supervision of staff in the programs for which he/she is responsible

The successful candidate will have:

- Post-secondary education in business administration, public administration, or the equivalent in experience.
- A good knowledge of the programs, funding opportunities, regulations and procedures of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada,
- Knowledge of and experience in the use of computers, good administrative, communication, and organizational skills, good working knowledge of financial accounting principles, a valid provincial driver's license, and the willingness to travel as required

This position is a senior management position in the Kitselas administration. The salary depend on training, education and experience and will be reviewed at the end of a three month probationary period and regularly at each annual anniversary date of commencement of employment.

Please send resumes to Sharon Bennett at the Kitselas Administration Office 4562 Queensway Drive, Terrace, BC V8G 5X6. Interested individuals may also pick up a more detailed job description from Sharon. Applicants will be short listed and only those short listed will be contacted. Closing date is January 5, 2004 at 4:30 p.m.



We are looking for dynamic, hard working people to help us build on our 45-year tradition of service to Northern British Columbia.

Business Products Outside Sales Representative Terrace Region

If you are committed to or have a strong interest in a sales career, and seek the opportunity to apply your motivation and drive in a supportive and rewarding environment, serving the business community of Terrace and area - we should talk!

1. Put the customer first - demonstrating strong customer relationship skills
2. Lead by example - demonstrating leadership and teamwork skills
3. Get the job done - demonstrating drive and taking responsibility for your success

We are:

1. A progressive local company, doing business in the north since 1958
2. Located in Prince George, Smithers and Terrace
3. Providing everything a modern office could ask for, including

- Office Products
- Office Furnishings
- Commercial Printing
- Copy Centre
- Art & Drafting Supplies
- Promotional Products

Interested?

Call Garret Murphy at (250) 847-9712

Email your inquiries &/or resume to garretm@speedee.ca

Or deliver your resume to Speedee in Terrace www.speedee.ca

274 Professional

PRINCIPAL Kyuquot elementary Secondary School. Vancouver Island West School District 84. Telephone (250) 283-2241. Fax: (250) 283-7352. Details available on website: www.sd84.bc.ca or Email: afreimans@vlsd84.bc.ca

282 Tutoring

TUTOR, EXPERIENCED and qualified in The Orton-Gillingham math. Sensory approach. Will teach in English or French. Children or adults in reading writing or math. \$17/hr. Guaranteed results within 3-6 months. Travel French and grammar French. Group courses available also. Call 250-638-0775 (51P3)

290 Work Wanted

ERIC'S COMPUTER Repair, honest and reliable. I offer PC trouble shooting, consultation etc. Terrace/Thornhill rate is \$15/hr. Kitimat \$35/hr. Call 250-635-4379 or 250-615-2043 (50P3)

EXPERIENCED CARPENTER Richard Thornton Construction available for renovations, repairs or new construction. 25 years experience. Call Richard @ 250-638-8526 (51P6)

HANDYMAN SNOW removal for driveways, sidewalks and small parking lots. Equipment: 2001 Craftsman Dual stage 11hp 30 inch snow blower. \$17/hr. Call Allan 250-638-0352 (51P3).

SNOW SHOVELLING, etc. reasonable rates. Call 250-638-8185 (51P3)

WILL BABYSIT in my home Monday - Friday, 1 or 2 children, ages 1-5, first aid, references available. Call Danielle 250-635-6224 (50P2)

302 Accounting

BOOKKEEPING SERVICES: Set up and maintenance of your small business requirements. Serving the Northwest for over 9 years. Phone 250-635-9592.

314 Child Care

EASY GOING mother of two will care for your children in her southside home. Available 24/7, 1/t, p/t, all shifts. No transportation provided. Reasonable and fair rates. Call 250-638-7266 (52P3)

Looking for Child Care?

Skeena Child Care Resource and Referral has information on child care options and on choosing child care.

Drop by The Family Place

at 4553 Park Ave.

or call 638-1113.

Skeena CCRR is a program of the Terrace Women's Resource Society and is funded by the Ministry of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services

322 Education/ Tutoring

TPDS and The College of New Caledonia Class 1 & 3 driver training. Offering Super 'B' training. New WCB approved Traffic Control Course. Training in Prince George and Kelowna. Call 1-877-860-7627 (50P3)

328 Finance/ Mortgage

FREE CREDIT COUNSELLING

- Consolidate debts
 - One Low Monthly Payment
 - Eliminate or Reduce Interest
 - Rebuild Your Credit Rating
- Credit Counselling Society of BC
NON PROFIT SERVICE
1-888-527-8999

346 Miscellaneous Services

\$26.12/FIRST MONTH for a phone line. Reconnection with no credit check, no deposits, no one refused. Call or visit Need-A-Phone.com Tollfree at 1-866-444-3815 or Email: csr@need-a-phone.com

364 Travel

SKI SUN PEAKS RESORT BC. Fully equipped hotels, studios to 4 bedroom condos and chalets. Fr \$99 up. Ski In/ski out or short walk to lifts. Hot tubs. Ski Packages, specials (with restrictions). Visit our website at: www.sunpeakreservations.com email: info@sunpeakreservations.com Toll free: 1-888-578-8369.

404 Apartments

CLEAN THREE bedroom apartment. F/s, w/d and dishwasher. Downtown. Security deposit required and no pets. \$650/month. \$325 security deposit. References required. Call 250-635-5954. (51P3)

JUST RENOVATED three bedroom apartment in duplex. Private entrance, yard has fruit trees. No pets, downtown. Fridge, stove included. \$575 per month phone 250-638-0790 for appointment to view. (49P3)

NEW ONE AND TWO BEDROOM APARTMENTS, close to town, four appliances. Non-smokers, no pets. \$550/mo. Damage deposit required. November 1/03. Call 250-635-1622 or 250-635-2250 (42TFN)

TWO BEDROOM PRIVATE GROUND LEVEL TOWNHOUSE NEAR HOSPITAL & SCHOOLS. Stove, fridge, draps included. washer/dryer hookups available. \$550 per month. AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY. CALL VI AT 250-635-8450

404 Apartments

ONE BEDROOM apartment in town, utilities included. \$450/mo. Call 250-615-9301 (50P3)

ONE BEDROOM apartment. Clean, quiet, new paint, laundry facilities, on site management. Available immediately. Call Brian 250-615-2467

ONE BEDROOM furnished apartment in Thornhill. Single occupancy only. No pets, references required. \$360 + \$180 security deposit. Call 250-635-2065 (50P3)

CLINTON MANOR PARK MANOR APTS.

Bachelor suites, 1 and 2 bedroom apts. Unfurnished and furnished. Close to swimming pool & downtown. No pets. REFERENCES REQUIRED. Phone 635-3475

ONE, TWO & three bedroom apartments. Available immediately. On-site management. References required. Call 250-635-6428 or 250-638-0015 or 250-615-0345

ONE, TWO and three bedroom apartments for rent. \$350, \$450, \$550 Heat and hot water included. Recently painted. Security on premises. Please call 250-638-0015 or 250-638-1749 (32C.TFN)

SMALL APARTMENT in fourplex in Thornhill. Ideal for single person or couple. To view 250-635-8288 (49P6)

Summit Square Apartments

1 & 2 Bedroom Units

- Quiet & Clean
- No Pets
- Close to Wal-Mart
- Laundry Facilities
- Close to Schools & Hospital
- On Bus Route
- Security Entrance
- On Site Building Manager
- Basketball, Volleyball & Racquetball Courts
- 24hr Video Surveillance

SENIOR CITIZENS WELCOME

Ask for Monica Warner
Call: 635-4478

HUNTINGTON APARTMENTS

Taking Applications Now for 1 & 2 Bedroom suites

- Clean, quiet renovated suites
- Ample parking
- Laundry facilities
- Close to schools & downtown
- On bus route
- On site management
- No pets
- References required

To view call
638-1748

408 Bachelor Suite

ABOVE GROUND one bedroom basement suite. No smoking, no pets. Suitable for quiet single occupant. \$450/mo. Available Jan 1, 2004. Call 250-635-5081 (49P3)

LARGE BACHELOR suite in downtown area. f/s, laundry, private entrance, requires reliable tenant. Available February 1st, 2004. \$475/month includes utilities. Call 250-635-4753 (51P2)

412 Basement Suite

ONE BEDROOM basement suite, close to town. No pets/pets/smoking. Available immediately. References and damage deposit required. Call 250-638-8874 (51P3)

ONE BEDROOM basement suite. Close to downtown, suitable for single working person. Utilities and cable included \$450/mo. Damage deposit and references required. Available Dec 1st. Call after 6pm 250-638-8010 (51P3)

ONE BEDROOM ground level, basement suite. Close to town and school. Natural gas heat. Available immediately. Non-smoking. \$375/mo. Call 250-635-4610 (51P1)

ONE BEDROOM suite in newer home. F/s, w/d, covered parking w/covered entrance on quiet street. Near golf course in Thornhill. Utilities included. No pets, non-smoker, references required. \$475/mo + \$250 DD. Phone 250-638-0381 (50P3)

TWO BEDROOM and three bedroom upper suites in Thornhill. Close to schools. \$375 - \$500/month. Contact Rob 250-638-7290 (50TFN)

TWO BEDROOM basement suite or Bench close to Uplands Elementary School. \$450 per month. Phone Rob 250-638-7290 (50C3)

60% of people with epilepsy are young children and senior citizens. Call for our brochures.

PROGRESSIVE VENTURES General Contractor/Developer 635-7459**FOR LEASE SPACE**

7,200 sq. ft. Sales/Warehouse	Kennedy Ave & Pohle
2,017 sq. ft. Sales/Warehouse	5008 Pohle Ave
1,735 sq. ft. Sales/Warehouse	2901 Kennedy St
1,700 sq. ft. Retail	4628 Greig Ave
7,450 sq. ft. Warehouse	4820 Hwy 16 W

420 Commercial

2000 SQFT OFFICE space. 4391 Keith Avenue. Call 250-635-7171

OFFICE and RETAIL SPACE

4644 Lazelle Ave. Main floor 1600 sq. ft. & 525 sq. ft. Second floor 580 sq. ft. & 960 sq. ft. Phone 635-3475

440 Houses

THREE BEDROOM house. C/w fridge, stove, fenced yard and carport. References required. Call 250-635-3796 (50P3)

TWO BEDROOM house, f/s, \$500/month. North of Terrace. References and damage deposit required. Animals negotiable. Call 250-635-2898. (51P3)

TWO BEDROOM house. \$450/mo plus utilities in Thornhill by Petro Canada. Available immediately. Call 250-635-7657 (50P3)

346 Miscellaneous Services

Where all of your printing needs are completed with fast service at reasonable prices.

WE SPECIALIZE IN**COLOUR PRINTING**

Office Stationary - Business Cards
Brochures - Flyers - Posters - Newsletters
- Absolutely Anything on Paper -

Ph: 635-1872 - Fax: 635-1868

428 Duplex/Fourplex

AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY, one bedroom 1/2 duplex. Suitable for single person or couple. Close to Curling rink. Available January 1, 2004. Call 250-635-3042 (52P3)

LARGE THREE bedroom apartment in 4plex in upper Thornhill. Electric and natural gas fireplace, on bus route. 1st months rent free. \$500/mo thereafter. Call 250-635-7321 (50C3)

ONE BEDROOM duplex close to downtown. Comes with fridge and stove. Recently renovated electric heat. References required. Phone 250-635-3796 (50P3)

THREE BEDROOM duplex. Fridge, stove, natural gas fireplace. Quiet location on Bench. \$650/mo. Available Jan 1. Call 250-615-3185 (51P3)

TWO BEDROOM duplex. Utilities included. Full cable, fridge, stove, washer, dryer, dishwasher. Carport and shed. Clean. In good condition in upper Thornhill. Call 250-635-3766 (50P3)

TWO BEDROOM duplex in Thornhill. Fridge, stove, carpets throughout. \$500/mo. Call 250-615-9301 (50P3)

TWO BEDROOM duplex, in Thornhill. Fridge, stove included. No Pets. Electric heat. Security deposit. \$385 per month. Call 250-638-7727 (52P3)

432 For Rent or Sale

THREE BEDROOM townhouse in upper Kitimat. Five appliances. \$600/mo. References required. No pets. Call 604-483-3566 (51P3)

436 Halls/Auditoriums

HALL RENTALS. Terrace Kin Hut. Capacity 120-160, kitchen and bar. Ideal for weddings, anniversaries, reunions. Day and evening rates. 250-635-7777 email kinsmen@osg.net. Bartending Services available.

440 Houses

GREAT FAMILY home on the Bench. Vaulted ceiling, hardwood floor, five appliances. Three bedrooms, office, 2 1/2 baths. \$850/mo Call 250-638-8639 (51P5)

LARGE SPLIT level home with in-law suite at 4719 Tuck. Fridge, stove, washer, dryer. \$900/mo. good references required. Call 250-638-8639 (50P4)

ONE BEDROOM house with garage. Call 250-635-1636 (50P3)

RECENTLY RENOVATED two - three bedroom, two bathroom house on large lot, quiet street on Southside. F/s included, workshop. \$725/mo plus d.d. Call 250-635-4858 Must be seen to be appreciated. (51P3)

THREE BEDROOM house located at 4509 Greig Ave. Hardwood floor in living room. Fridge, stove, washer-dryer hookups. \$575/mo. Call 250-638-8639 (51P4)

THREE BEDROOM house Thornhill. Fridge, stove, near schools, bus route. \$600/mo plus security deposit. References required. Available immediately. Call 250-635-6181 (49P3)

448 Mobile Homes

MODERN CLEAN, newly renovated two and three bedroom mobile homes. Will furnish if needed. Close to schools and bus routes. Includes fridge, stove, blinds and storage shed. Available immediately. Prices starting at \$500/mo To view phone 250-638-1885 (52P3)

RECENTLY RENOVATED mobile home on acreage. Quiet country setting. Five minute walk from fishing on Kalam River. \$650/mo. Call 250-635-2124 (50P3)

THREE BEDROOM 14x70 trailer. #38 Woodland Heights. \$480 per month plus damage deposit. Call 250-635-0892 (52P3)

THREE BEDROOM on Brauns Island. 14x64, fenced dog pen. Fridge, stove, gas heat. laundry room with washer-dryer hookups. \$550/mo. Call 250-635-9102. (51P3)

TWO BEDROOM trailer plus large addition. Large fenced back yard. Deck, garden, green house. References required. \$500 + Deposit. Call 250-635-5916 (50P3)

476 Suites

LAKELSE LAKE, Spacious two bedroom main floor suite, f.s,d/w. Utilities and satellite TV included. Non-smoking, security deposit, small pet ok. references. \$700. Available Dec 15. Call 250-798-2503 or 250-615-2268 (50P3)

480 Tourist Accommodation

SUN PEAKS RESORT, BC. Top of the Mountain Accom. 3 Mountains. 3500 ski able acres with 119 runs. Fully equipped. 1,2,3,4 bedroom condos & chalets. Fr. \$99 up. Ski-in/out or 10 min max to lifts (walking). Hot tubs, saunas & jacuzzis. Stay 6 nights & get the FIRST night FREE! (Some Restrictions Apply) Lift Packages Available. www.topofthemountain.ca e-mail:sunpeaks@direct.ca 1-800-585-8834

SKI OKANAGAN Champagne Powder Silver Star Mountain's best ski-in ski-out. Bachelor to four bedroom suites. Rooftop hot tubs, fireplaces, BBQ's. Web specials. www.pinnacles.com 1-800-551-7466.

484 Townhouses

PAY HALF MONTH RENT for January, February, and March. Three bedroom townhouses close to downtown and schools. F/s, w/d hookups, apartments with w/d available. Please call TERRACE MANOR 250-635-4980 (51P3)

484 Townhouses

Attention 55+ Simply Amazing!

CASCADE COURT

Designed for today's 55+ on the go!

35230 Delair Road Abbotsford 604-852-1139

• Safe • Affordable • View of Mt. Baker • The ultimate in comfort...and so much more.

Managed by the Salvation Army www.cascadecourt.ca

506 Acres/Lots

WHISPER RIDGE "11 CHBA AWARDS" FOR THIS PROJECT Beautifully treed and valley views, 1-3 acre homesites. All services underground. Paved roads. 160 acre private park. (The Ranchlands) 8 miles to Vernon and 30 minutes to Silver Star Mountain. Lots from \$105,000-\$143,000. House packages available. www.whisperridge.com 250-545-5472, 1-800-493-6133.

WANTED To buy: acreage close to Terrace with a scenic view. Good access, good drainage, drilled well an asset. Phone 250-769-1126 (51P3)

518 Commercial Businesses

PUB & LIQUOR STORE For Sale or trade including land & building in South Central Alberta. Gross \$348,000 Larrie Forbes Re/Max 1-800-939-6838 www.forbesfocus-realestate.com for photos.

SUCCESSFUL RETAIL business, with established customer base for sale. Owner wants to pursue other interests. Apply Box #948, Terrace, B.C. V8G 4R2 (41C1TFN)

554 Houses

4814 WARNER Ave., Southside house for sale. 4 +1 bedrooms with basement. Great for a starter home or rental. Work needed. Some renos done. N/g heat. Storage shed. Quiet area. F/s. Asking \$77,000.00 Call 250-615-3104 (45P3)

GOING CHEAP! Four bedrooms, fully finished basement. Close to schools and town. Wired shed, mature fruit trees. Asking \$93,900.00. Call 250-635-2323 (51P3)

554 Houses

MUST SEE home on ten acres six bedrooms, three baths, finished basement and two bay garage. Heated two bay 40/60 shop with overhead doors. Four bay RV storage shed and much more. Asking \$205,000. Phone (250) 615-9339. (48P4).

MUST SEE: Beautifully decorated 1880 sqft seven year old modular home at Lakelse Lake. Arctic built, very well insulated, on 2 x 6 construction on cement foundation. Skylights, laminated floors throughout, whirlpool tub, and more on half acre. Nicely landscaped. Selling \$20,000 below BC assessment and \$20,000 below owners mortgage. Call 250-798-2072 or 250-635-2785 (50P3)

NEW 1 1/2 STOREY rancher on ten acres. 2200 sq ft, historically (character) designed, four bedroom, two bath, master bedroom with full ensuite. Wheelchair accessible. Totally fenced with riding ring, very private, 12 minutes to downtown Terrace. \$167,000 negotiable. Serious viewers only 250-615-2135 eves. (50P3)

560 Lakeshore**LISTING/SELLING UNIQUE PROPERTIES**

waterfront • country properties
Ranches • outdoor businesses

LANDQUEST
International Marketing & Real Estate
www.landquest.com
250-798-2200
HARRY McCOWAN

578 Open House

Attention 55+ Simply Amazing!

CASCADE COURT

Designed for today's 55+ on the go!

35230 Delair Road Abbotsford 604-852-1139

• Safe • Affordable • View of Mt. Baker • The ultimate in comfort...and so much more.

Managed by the Salvation Army www.cascadecourt.ca

KEN'S MARINE

Blazer 90cc Kids ATV \$1,899.00

1998 Arctic Cat ZR 500 Long Track \$2995.00

Yamaha 8 Hp. Snowblower w/tracks \$1,799.00

2003 RXI 4 Stroke 151" Track \$9,999.00

2000 Yamaha Mountain Max, 700 \$5,595.00

2003 Arctic Cat 370 \$3,799.00

2003 Yamaha Viper 700 \$8,495.00

2000 RMK 550 Long Track \$4,299.00

1997 Yamaha Mountain Max 700 \$3,199.00

4946 Greig Ave. Ph: 635-2909

618 Feed & Seed

HORSE HAY in barn. 1000lb round bales. \$70/ea. Call 250-964-4026 (51P3)

Community Classifieds

REACH 2.3 MILLION BC & YUKON READERS FOR \$309 OR 11 MILLION READERS NATION-WIDE FOR \$1,443

To place your Community Classified call this newspaper or toll free 1-866-669-9222
classifieds@bccommunitynews.com
www.communityclassifieds.ca

AUTO FINANCING

GUARANTEED APPROVAL. You work - you drive. Bad credit, no credit OK. Over 400 4x4s - vans & cars available. Call 24 hrs 1-888-921-2733. Call today - drive tomorrow!

SECOND CHANCE FINANCE. We say yes to poor credit and bankrupts. Select from over 450 cars - trucks, 4x4s - vans. Call Marty or Ian 604-552-4554.

BUILDING SUPPLIES

A MAJOR FLOORING WHOLESALE needs cash flow. Save up to 50% on 100 choices of woodgrain laminate, 20 choices ceramic tile-look laminate, 6" unfinished rustic fir, 3 1/2 prefinished hardwood in oak, maple, birch, brazilian walnut, japanese cherry, and bamboo. Real wood floating floors oak, maple, bamboo, slate, and granite. Tons more! Call 1-800-631-3342.

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

BUSINESS LOANS. \$50,000-\$5 million. Private money available. Have you been rejected by your bank? Business plan and cash flow analysis services. 1-866-402-6464, 24 hrs.

EXISTING LOCATIONS AVAILABLE - TrueValue Hardware, V&S Options, Country Depot. No franchise fees - Members receive yearly dividends. Ongoing field support. Call TruServ Canada today and be part of our team. Toll-free 1-800-665-5085. www.truserv.ca

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

INVENTORS - NEW PRODUCT ideas wanted. We are currently looking for ideas for new or improved products to prepare and present to corporations. Our award winning team delivers professional results. Free information package. 1-800-544-3327.

EDUCATION

APARTMENT/CONDOMINIUM MANAGER. Train to be an apartment/condominium manager. Many jobs! Job placement assistance. All areas. Government registered program. Information/brochure: 604-681-5456 / 1-800-665-8339. www.RMTI.ca

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

ENSIGN RESOURCE Service Group is currently seeking experienced drilling rig personnel for all of our Canadian Drilling Divisions. Preference will be given to applicants with recent drilling rig experience and reliable transportation. We offer competitive wages, and excellent benefits package and a safety incentive program. Resume with references to: Ensign Recruitment Center, 2001 - 4 St., Nisku, AB, T9E 7W6. Phone 1-866-889-3774. Fax 780-955-6160; hr@ensigngroup.com.

FOR SALE MISC.

CORAL CALCIUM "EXTRA" the home of 100% pure marine coral calcium from Okinawa, Japan, from under the ocean. 1-866-319-0708 Calgary; www.curecanada.com. Email: betterhealth@curecanada.com.

AT LAST! An Iron filter that works. IronEater! Fully patented Canada/U.S.A. Removes iron, hardness, sulfur, smell, manganese from well water. Since 1957. Phone 1-800-BIGIRON; www.bigironfiltering.com.

DON'T PAY A CENT! Until Feb. 2004! IBM Pentium 4 for only \$1 a day! Fast delivery! Almost everyone's approved! 1-866-259-1171 www.BrandsNOW.com

HELP WANTED

CLASSIFIED ADS WORK - you're reading them now! Place a 25-word classified in 101 B.C. & Yukon newspapers for only \$309. Call this newspaper for details, or phone 1-866-669-9222. www.communityclassifieds.ca

LOANS

BUSINESS LOANS. \$50,000-\$5 million. Private money available. Have you been rejected by your bank? Business plan and cash flow analysis services. 1-866-402-6464, 24 hrs.

PAY TELEPHONE SERV.

EXPERT PSYCHICS... Try us first! Your future revealed by your personal psychic. Sincere & genuine readings. Call 24 hours. 1-900-561-2100 \$2.95/min. 18+

PERSONALS

DIVORCE SURVIVAL STRATEGIES... Before spending large sums on legal fees, call The Family Law Centre to understand your rights & obligations. Our lawyers will present you with your options & offer smart & proven strategies to help reduce your legal fees, safeguard your assets & defend your child custody & access rights. Don't be a victim! "Separate Smart." Toll-free 1-866-879-3529.

REAL ESTATE

OKANAGAN LAKEFRONT. Resort style living in the vibrant desert community of Osoyoos. Full ownership, lakefront villas and condos for recreational or full-time use. Prices starting in low \$100,000s. 1-866-738-1002. www.casa-del-lago.ca. Co-operators Real Estate Services Inc.

STEEL BUILDINGS

STEEL BUILDING SALE. "Final Clearance!" Priced to sell. Go direct/save. 25x40, \$6,900. 30x40, \$8,500. 35x50, \$12,900. 40x80, \$17,400. 50x120, \$35,500. Many others. Pioneer...1-800-668-5422.

STEEL BUILDINGS

FUTURE STEEL BUILDINGS Durable, dependable, pre-engineered, all-steel structures. Custom-made to suit your needs and requirements. Factory-direct affordable prices. Call 1-800-668-8653 ext. 536 for free brochure.

VACATION RENTALS

CHRISTMAS +/OR NEW YEARS on the Gulf Island Retreat. Just made available - rooms and cabins on beautiful west coast waterfront. Private, exclusive, and relaxing. Single rooms from \$65. Family accommodation/rates available. Call Clam Bay Farm, 1-250-629-6313. www.clambay.com. Don't delay - booking fast.

TRAVEL

TIMESHARE RESALES - Rii@ Stroman - Since 1979. Buy-sell-rent-exchange. Worldwide selection. Call now! 1-800-201-0864.

TRUCKS

AUTOMOBILE LOANS GUARANTEED - Trucks/vans/cars/SUVs. Diesel/gas. Turned down? Rates too high? Trade? We have the money for you guaranteed 0-7%. Complimentary delivery. Apply today. Inventory/loans @ www.credit-king.com. Call 1-800-650-4829 24/7 Sales/leasing/financing. Est.1986.

